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Karadzic defiant as UN troops enter Srebrenica

BY JILL SHERMAN, AND TIM JUDAH IN PALE, BOSNIA

■ **As the Bosnian Serbs defied the latest UN sanctions, following the virtual surrender of Srebrenica, John Major and President Clinton discussed air strikes**

AMID increasing clamour for military intervention in Bosnia, John Major and President Clinton last night considered the option of air strikes against the Serbs, but after a 50-minute telephone conversation called instead for tougher sanctions.

The urgency of the Bosnian situation was underlined by the plight of Srebrenica. The fate of the Muslim town rested in the hands of a company of 150 Canadian UN troops armed with only side guns, who arrived yesterday. British and French helicopters began to lift some of the 500 wounded out to safety. Injured men, women and children were taken to Tuzla in northeastern Bosnia, one middle-aged woman screaming in agony.

The Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic remained defiant of international pressure, dismissing the Vance-Owen peace plan as "a diktat and an imposition". After the United Nations announced new sanctions to isolate Serbia, Dr Karadzic, speaking from his headquarters at Pale, near Sarajevo, said that Serbs would not sign a peace plan under threats.

The fresh sanctions include seizing all Yugoslav trains, planes, ships and lorries abroad and the country's foreign assets, and banning services to Yugoslavia except for post, telecommunications and legal advice. To avert a threatened Russian veto, the measures will come into force the day after the April 25 referendum on President Boris Yeltsin's leadership.

Mr Major and Mr Clinton urged the closure of sanction loopholes "on land, sea or river". The prime minister said the Serbian leadership and people must be told they faced "long isolation and hardship" if they refused to sign the Vance-Owen plan. Downing Street indicated that a decision on whether to step up action could be made by cabinet ministers today. The overseas and defence policy cabinet committee meets this morning and a statement is expected to be made in the Commons this afternoon.

The prime minister and Mr Clinton agreed to keep in the "closest possible touch", particularly in the next few days. The lack of a decision by them to step up action is likely to anger many backbenchers who have called for a tougher approach. Yesterday Sir Nicholas Bonsor, chairman of the Commons defence committee, dropped his cautious stand and said that Britain should "play a full part" in any military intervention in Bosnia.

David Howell, chairman of the Commons foreign affairs committee, said that he had detected "a change of mood" among MPs. "I hear the realisation growing that more decisive action must be taken."

The UN helicopters that reached Srebrenica were allowed in under a UN-mediated ceasefire agreement signed by General Sefir Halilovic, the commander of the Bosnian army, and General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, in Sarajevo yesterday after 14 hours of negotiation.

Under the agreement to turn Srebrenica into a safe haven, the ceasefire "freezes achieved lines of confrontation". But Muslim defenders have to yield their arms to the Canadian peacekeepers while the Serbs remain in their positions, as close as half a mile outside the town. No provision is made for parallel disarming of the Serb forces around the town. One relief official said: "There won't be any future for Muslims in Srebrenica."

The fate of fit Muslim fighting men has yet to be decided. A working group of both sides and the top UN commander in the former Yugoslavia will meet at Sarajevo airport today to discuss the issue.

General Mladic issued an ultimatum that if Srebrenica's defenders did not hand their weapons to UN troops within 72 hours, as stipulated by the pact, he would not be bound by its key provisions. The demilitarisation of Srebrenica is to be completed by Wednesday.

Commander Barry Frewer, spokesman for the UN Protection Force, said in Sarajevo that the agreement was not a surrender.

"This agreement could be a watershed that would bring calm and build up a measure of trust and confidence," he said.

☐ General Philippe Morillon, the French commander of the UN forces in Bosnia expected to be recalled at the end of this month, has been granted an extension. Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, said there were no plans to withdraw him.



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Peacekeeping bleeds Treasury reserves

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE climax of the year-long siege of Srebrenica has coincided with Britain struggling to find the cash needed to pay for its international peacekeeping obligations.

The spiralling cost of intervention has exhausted resources allocated for peacekeeping and humanitarian operations, forcing the government to consider cuts in the Foreign Office budget to make up the deficit. Increases in the number and cost of peacekeeping activities, particularly in former Yugoslavia, Cambodia and Somalia, will have to be paid for by drawing on the Treasury's reserve fund.

Peacekeeping is expected to cost Britain an estimated £200 million in the current financial year — more than one-third of the Foreign Office's running costs — up from some £160 million last year and £18 million in 1991-2. In addition, the cost of membership of key international organisations, including the United Nations, Nato, the Council of Europe, the West European

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Pakistan's government sacked after power struggle

BY ZAHID HUSSAIN AND CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

PRESIDENT Ishaq Khan sacked the Pakistan government last night after an intense power struggle with the prime minister, Mian Nawaz Sharif.

Troops were sent to guard the radio and television buildings in the capital before the president announced the move at a late-night press conference in Islamabad. He promised elections within 90 days and appointed Balakh Sher Mazari, 73, as caretaker prime minister.

In justifying his move President Ishaq Khan cited maladministration, corruption, fraud in the government's privatisation programme, and the terrorising of his opponents by government agencies. Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister who was also sacked by Mr Ishaq Khan on broadly the same grounds, will now have a chance of a comeback. Her dismissal in 1990 was at the insistence of the military.

The army was almost certainly involved behind the scenes in the decision to oust Mr Sharif, whose parliamentary majority had been slowly eroded in recent months as individuals and small parties defected from the National Democratic Alliance, a multi-party grouping dominated by his Muslim League.

The decision to sack Mr Sharif came a day after he delivered a fighting speech on state radio and television in which he declared: "If anybody wants to question my credentials the National Assembly is the proper forum." Without naming the president, he said the office that should have been instrumental in tendering him advice and encouragement had become a hotbed of conspiracies that was trying to divide the Muslim League. Seven cabinet ministers had resigned in recent weeks as the president gathered allies against Mr Sharif.

Relations between the two men worsened after the prime minister threatened to ask parliament to abolish the eighth amendment, which gives the president authority to dismiss any government. It also gives him sole authority to appoint the army chief of staff, creating a power nexus between the military and the president and making any prime minister vulnerable to dismissal. Although there was no obvious reaction from any part of the country to the president's announcement, Mr Sharif's supporters were reported to be preparing a protest against the dismissal.

According to some reports the president may file criminal charges against Mr Sharif and his ministers. The ousted prime minister's whereabouts were not known but some sources believe that he would be leaving for Lahore, his home town.



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MARATHON WIN AND A PRAYER



Giving thanks: Eamonn Martin after winning the London marathon yesterday

'Too old' Briton runs to triumph on his debut

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

EAMONN Martin, a runner from Essex who was written-off by sponsors as "too old" at 34, won the NutraSweet London Marathon yesterday in his debut at the distance.

Martin, whose wife Julie watched the race on television from her hospital bed in Basildon where she gave birth last Thursday to the couple's third child, outsprinted the Mexican Isidro Rico over Westminster Bridge to win £58,000 in appearance money, the first prize and bonuses.

On another day of athletic comradeship and endeavour, marred only by the deaths from heart attacks of one 47-year-old runner early in the race and one spectator at the finish, an estimated one million people lined the streets to cheer the 25,500 runners, who began the race at Greenwich Park.

Many had come to see the long-awaited women's duel between Liz McColgan, Britain's world 10,000 metres champion, and Lisa Ondieki of Australia, the 1988 Olympic silver medal winner. But Katrin Dorre, of Germany, running a more even race, took first place.

Martin, who was paid £13,000 as appearance money compared with McColgan's £150,000, was regarded by the shoe companies, who pay athletes to wear their brands, as in the autumn of his career. He said: "There are always people who break the rules on age, like Jimmy Connors has done in tennis. I am 34 years old. I may not be able to run 1500 metres like I used to but I am fresh to the marathon."

In the women's race, McColgan, who is receiving nearly £500,000 for running in three London marathons, fell back after 20 miles to record 2 hours 29 minutes 36 seconds. Ondieki, who had led for most of the race, was out-sprinted by Dorre, who had run a steady pace.

The runner who died was John Bailey, an engineer, who collapsed from what is thought to be heart failure about six miles from the start. His wife Cynthia, 44, was also competing in the race and learnt of her husband's death when she finished the event.

Race officials pointed out that 250 deaths from cardiac arrest occur every day in Britain and that two deaths in 13 years from the 250,000 runners who have completed the race was "extremely sad but statistically average".



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Sculptor Elizabeth Frink dies

BY JENNY KNIGHT

DAME Elizabeth Frink, one of Britain's leading sculptors, died yesterday at her home near Blandford Forum, in Dorset, aged 62.

She had been ill for some time and underwent major surgery for cancer last year. She continued to sculpt and at Easter her last work, a bronze figure of Christ, was unveiled at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral by Lin Jammet, her son from her first marriage to Michel Jammet.

Success came early and her work was exhibited at the Tate while she was a student. She moved to Dorset 16 years ago where her studio was set in a sculpture park that contained many of her works. She was made an OBE in 1969 and created a Dame in 1982.

Dame Elizabeth was born in Thurlow, Suffolk, where she developed her love of horses and dogs, which were both to be themes in her work.

Cups for England and Arsenal

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

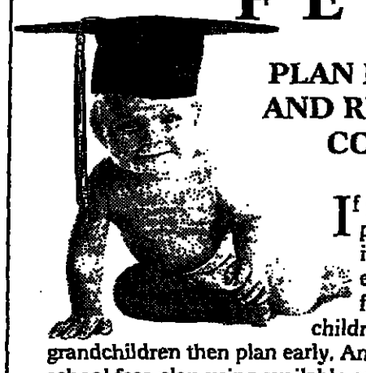
ENGLAND unexpectedly won the inaugural Rugby World Cup seven-a-side tournament at Murrayfield yesterday, beating Australia 21-17 in the final. England had entered a scratch side but, inspired by Andrew Harriman, their captain, they beat New Zealand, South Africa and Fiji and avenged an earlier defeat by Australia.

Arsenal took the Coca Cola Cup with a 2-1 victory at Wembley over Sheffield Wednesday, whom they meet again in the FA Cup Final next month. Steve Morrow, a substitute who scored the winning goal, was taken off on a stretcher after he was thrown into the air and dropped by his team-mates, apparently breaking an elbow.

Aston Villa maintained their pursuit of the Premier League championship, beating Manchester City 3-1.

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Backbenchers split over tactics as Lord Healey criticises Smith's support for bombing

Major under pressure to toughen up Bosnia line

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major was put under further pressure to support military intervention in Bosnia yesterday when senior backbenchers and a member of the government joined the growing clamour among MPs for a tougher approach.

Meanwhile, Lord Healey, Labour's former defence secretary, condemned John Smith's backing for bombing Serbian supply lines.

Several Tory MPs, who were reluctant publicly to support Lady Thatcher's emotional outburst last week, were this weekend coming closer to her view. A survey of 90 Tory MPs carried out by *The Sunday Times* showed that one in three supported air strikes against Serbian military targets and a similar proportion wanted to arm the Bosnian Muslims unless the Serbs accepted the Vance-Owen peace plan.

Party officials yesterday suggested that this probably reflected an accurate split within the Conservative party.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, chairman of the all party Commons defence committee, who has been against military intervention, admitted yesterday that he had now reluctantly changed his mind: "With every advance the Serbs make, that becomes more likely."

If the West opted for military action, with the proviso that the Russians agreed, then Britain should play a full part, he said on BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*. However, he made clear that British troops protecting humanitarian supplies would have to be evacuated first.

David Amess, parliamentary private secretary to Michael Portillo, also broke ranks with the government line yesterday. He said: "The slaughter of the innocent has been going on for too long with the concerted action of the allies seeming unable stop it. I do not think we can stand by and watch the massacre continue until all that are left are the Serbs."

Mr Amess said he did not want to see British troops committed to land efforts, but he backed air strikes and the lifting of the arms embargo to Bosnian Muslims.

Some MPs, however, remained adamantly opposed to stepping up action in Bosnia. Peter Viggers, Tory MP for Gosport, urged politicians to continue to seek a diplomatic solution and to encourage Russia to put pressure on the Serbs. "I do not see any prospect of an externally imposed military solution."

Lord Healey was highly critical of John Smith's backing for military intervention in Bosnia. "Labour has been badly advised on the practicalities of the matter," he said. "What strikes me is that everybody who has experience of war — and that unfortunately does not include any of the present Labour front bench, or David Owen for that matter — will take the sort of line I have been taking, which is the view being taken by experienced soldiers in Washington and London."

Speaking on BBC Radio 4, Lord Healey said that most of the proposals which had been mooted so far made no sense. "It is practically impossible to carry out surgical strikes in a land of forests and mountains," he said.

He added that Mr Major must not be pushed by American pressure into taking decisions that would be bad for Britain, bad for Europe and bad for world peace and which could also ruin any chance of President Yeltsin winning his referendum on who rules Russia.

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Weapons check: Corporal Alex Morrow secures Sidewinder missiles on an RAF Tornado bound for Bosnia at RAF Leeming, North Yorkshire

Economic reality curtails UK's global role

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE burgeoning cost of international peacekeeping operations, along with membership of key international organisations, is symptomatic of the birth pangs of the new world order, which has put an intolerable strain on Britain's meagre resources.

Britain may continue to "punch above its weight" in world affairs, as Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, remarked recently, but the pretensions of the past are rapidly being exposed by naked economic realities.

With barely 5 per cent of global trade, 4 per cent of world gross domestic product, and 1 per cent of global population, the afterglow of Britain's imperial past, which enabled the Foreign Office to assume a role in international relations far beyond the nation's means, is fast becoming a distant memory.

Britain's inability to open more than a handful of overseas posts in the 19 new countries which have emerged out of the collapse of communism, in sharp contrast to the expanding role played by other European countries such as Germany, illustrates the point.

Most international organisations, from Nato to the Council of Europe, are struggling to redefine their role in the new Europe by taking on new responsibilities, the costs of which will have to be met by their members. Indeed, the cost of international subscriptions are expected to rise by about 25 per cent over the next three years.

Foreign Office officials insist that, despite recent newspaper articles ridiculing the "Edwardian lifestyle" of some of Britain's overseas representatives, the size of most overseas posts is small. Official figures show that 39 per cent of overseas posts have fewer than five staff, while 11 per cent have only one. Recent staffing reviews have highlighted acute shortages of personnel, especially at the United Nations, where new posts have had to be created to reduce the work load.

Nonetheless, a programme of cuts has been underway since 1990. As a result, the average number of diplomatic staff in overseas posts has fallen from 12 to 11 during the past year.

During 1992, 84 foreign posts were axed, although 49 were created, most of which were allocated to the UN, the former Soviet Union, the former Yugoslavia, and the three Baltic states. Additional posts are also planned for Minsk and Ho Chi Minh City, at the request of Britain's business community, although Mogadishu, Baghdad and Kabul will remain unmanned.

An estimated 400 jobs are expected to be cut from the complement of 4,000 UK-based posts during the next two years as part of the Foreign Office's current spending review. Officials insist, however, there is little left to cut unless the big embassies such as Washington, Bonn and Paris are trimmed back, or the numerous small overseas posts are axed entirely.

Many observers believe, however, that the spiralling cost of participating in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations, together with the cost of membership of international organisations, will leave the government little choice but to trim the number and scale of Britain's grander overseas outposts.

Peacekeeping bleeds Treasury

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Union and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, is also likely to increase as each body assumes greater responsibilities in the post-Cold War international order. Foreign Office estimates last month for these increase are significantly in excess of the 1 per cent annual increase anticipated in the external relations budget during the next three years.

The Foreign Office will make up the shortfall by drawing on the Treasury's reserve fund, the £4 billion contingency fund which is included in the government's 1993-4 spending total, but which is only allocated to departments in emergencies.

Treasury officials insist, however, that the Foreign Office cannot draw on the reserve fund indefinitely. "The reserve is only available to cover unplanned expenditure. It is only a temporary measure. We would expect savings to be made elsewhere," a spokesman said.

Any extra resources needed to cover the increased cost of peacekeeping and international subscriptions in subsequent years will have to be agreed during the upcoming public expenditure round. But Treasury officials are likely to demand cuts in other parts of the Foreign Office budget.

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Fewer back change to Irish claim on Ulster

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SUPPORT has dropped for change to the claim by the Irish Constitution of jurisdiction over Northern Ireland, according to a poll published in Dublin at the weekend.

The survey for the Irish *Sunday Independent* showed that only 39 per cent of respondents favoured amending articles 2 and 3, while 32 per cent wanted no change and 29 per cent were either not sure or had no opinion.

The narrow majority in favour of change compares with a poll in December 1990, which found 53 per cent in favour of amending the articles and 39 per cent against.

The latest poll helps to illustrate the difficulty facing any Irish government wishing to scale down the claim to Northern Ireland as part of an overall settlement agreed between the Ulster parties and the Irish and British governments.

It also shows that unionists are being somewhat unrealistic in demanding a unilateral move by Dublin on the constitution as a precondition for their agreeing to return to the negotiating table. The figures underline that change is likely to be possible only if a clear majority of voters in the republic can see tangible benefits — in the form of a new workable settlement in Belfast — as a *quid pro quo* for a yes vote in a referendum.

The poll came as Douglas Hurd became the third senior British politician to add his weight behind the call for renewed inter-party talks in Northern Ireland. Speaking at a conference in Oxford on Saturday, the foreign secretary said it was time all parties came out of their trenches and showed the imagination to achieve a settlement.

"It is simple to hold to the safe way, to stay in the trenches, to avoid anything which smacks of imagination. But the sad fact is that trench warfare was the most murderous of all forms of warfare and settled little," he said.

Mr Hurd's contribution follows similar remarks by John Major during a visit to the province last week and repeated calls from Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, for new talks as soon as possible.

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Euro-rebels renew attack on treaty bill

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY Euro-rebels said yesterday they would step up their opposition to the Maastricht treaty and do all they could to frustrate the passage of the ratification bill this week.

Ministers could also face a setback from a new amendment that Labour will press for next week, which it claims would force the government to include the social chapter in the Maastricht treaty.

Ministers had been hoping they would be able to get to the end of the bill's committee stage by Thursday, having decided to devote three days of Commons business to Maastricht. However, Tory sceptics have joined the Labour party in pressing for a Commons vote on the social chapter following last week's decision by Michael Morris, the deputy speaker, not to allow one. The rebels will also vote with Labour in opposing all-night sittings designed to speed up progress of the bill.

James Cran, Tory MP for Beverley and one of the leading rebels, made it clear yesterday that the sceptics would be raising a number of points of order to underline the government's blatant disregard of MPs' views. "There is enormous anger at what happened last Thursday. The government is quite determined to go to any lengths to avoid a vote on the social chapter," he said.

If Mr Morris refuses to change his ruling on social chapter amendment 27, which removes the social chapter opt-out, the rebels will press Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, to accept the amendment in the final report stage of the bill.

George Robertson, Labour's spokesman on Europe, said the party would today be pressing Mr Morris to change his ruling on amendment 27. Mr Robertson argued that Mr Morris had made clear in television interviews yesterday that he had opted for a vote on the new clause 75, also on the social chapter, instead of amendment 27, with no knowledge that the government was about to accept the amendment, thereby precluding a vote.

Mr Robertson said Labour would now be pressing Mr Morris to substitute the debate on clause 75 with a debate and vote on a similar amendment, clause 74. Under this clause, the Commons has to have a vote on the social chapter before the Maastricht ratification bill can become law.

Tory rebels are also campaigning for support for their referendum amendment. They are putting pressure on some of the waverers, saying they have done their duty so far by voting with the government but should now allow the people to have a say.

Ashdown rallies party

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead will tonight launch the Liberal Democrats' "manifesto for Newbury" at a rally in a local school. Mr Ashdown intends to use the by-election for his new style of positive Clinton-esque campaigning.

The Liberal Democrat leader will present a "Newbury declaration", listing policy changes that he will claim are needed by the market town and the country. These will include proposals for the economy, taxation, health, education and the environment. He and Lord Jenkins are expected to condemn the government's record and underline Britain's disenchantment with the political process.

"People want a new style, strong leadership and a clear direction," Mr Ashdown will say. "They want politicians who are prepared to tell the truth and prepared to work with others in the national interest and will listen to the needs of the people."

The Liberal Democrats tried to distance themselves yesterday from any formal pacts in Newbury or in the Berkshire council election on the same day.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rail unions meet to assess strike action

The prospect of further railway strikes hinges on meetings today. The executive of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union will meet to assess last Friday's stoppage, which paralysed the rail network and cost British Rail £10 million in lost revenue. The union could decide to hold another strike in its dispute with BR over the threat of compulsory redundancies and the use of contract labour. There has been speculation that it will switch the strike day from Friday to midweek, but no decision has been taken.

Leaders of the train drivers' union, Aslef, which also staged a strike last Friday, will resume talks with BR in London over their concerns about what happens to train crews in the run-up to rail privatisation. Both sides have said they are hopeful a breakthrough can be achieved.

Trawlermen killed

The bodies of two fishermen were found off the Dorset coast yesterday after a nine-hour search by air and sea. Shaun Wakley, 22, and Allistair McLeod, 32, both from Beer, Devon, had been missing since their trawler, *Nil Desperandum*, failed to return to Axmouth, Devon, after an overnight fishing trip. The wrecked hull of the 26-foot trawler had been found earlier on the seabed near the place where the bodies were found. A Navy diving team had been unable to discover signs of damage to the boat.

Industry sights recovery

The Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, the biggest manufacturing union, yesterday agreed with the government that the economy was showing signs of recovery, but said the cost was "unacceptable". A union survey showed a healthy picture among manufacturers. Thirty-two of the 40 firms that answered a questionnaire said their order books were average or good. However, the unemployment figures due on Thursday are expected to show a rise after the surprise drop in February.

Hindley cash protest

The mother of a Moors Murder victim interrupted a church service at Norwood, south London, yesterday to protest against a clergyman who has been helping Myra Hindley, right. Ann West, whose daughter Lesley Ann Downey, 10, was tortured and killed by Hindley and Ian Brady, acted after it was disclosed that the Rev Peter Timms had been helping to channel gifts to help pay Hindley's legal bills.



Gift burning denied

Buckingham Palace yesterday dismissed reports that gifts and possessions owned by the Prince and Princess of Wales had been destroyed because of their separation. Palace sources said some items, including packing cases and furniture, had been burned on a bonfire at Highgrove, the prince's Gloucestershire home, during a regular clear-out.

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Fewer back change to Irish claim on Ulster

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Prison officers forced to train employees at private jail

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON officers have been ordered to train staff at Britain's second private jail in the skills needed to control disruptive prisoners and to teach them how to handle serious disturbances including riots.

The officers face the prospect of disciplinary action if they refuse orders from prison service managers to give private sector staff lessons in control and restraint techniques and the minimum use of force. The news comes after an embarrassing two weeks for the Home Office in which seven prisoners have escaped from the custody of private contractors.

The training is being provided to staff at Blakenhurst prison near Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, only weeks before the jail is due to open as the first private prison to hold convicted prisoners. Personnel at the prison, to be run by United Kingdom Detention Services Ltd, will learn skills including self defence, riot control and the tactics for releasing hostages.



Evans: "They have to come to us for help"

David Evans, general secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, said yesterday: "We now have the ridiculous circumstances where the public prison service is having to train people in the private sector. This company tendered and won the contract on the basis that it could do the job. Now they have to come to us for help."

Spokesmen from the prison service and the company said that they could not comment on the training. The prison officers were instructed by prison service management to assist in the training after the association attempted to stop its members going to Blakenhurst, which will hold 649 remand, convicted and sentenced prisoners after it opens on May 26. Officers who disobey instructions could face disciplinary charges that include reprimands, demotion and dismissal.

Tutors in control and restraint techniques from the prison service training college at Wakefield and Lindholme prison, Doncaster, have been sent to Blakenhurst. The state system has 5,000 officers trained in control and restraint techniques.

The disclosure that the company has sought help from the prison service will put further pressure on the government over its plans to inject more private sector skills into the penal system. Derek Lewis, director general of the service, is due to appear before the Commons home affairs select committee today and is likely to face questions on his plans to extend privatisation and over Group 4's difficulties in running a prison escort service.

Barbara Roche, the Labour MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, said Labour had warned the government that private companies would not provide adequate training. "We have a clear example of what is happening in practice. There must be great fears over public safety," she said.

Robin Masefield, a director of personnel in the Prison Service Agency, said in a letter that the tender specification for Blakenhurst included a requirement that its staff should be trained in aspects of control including methods of restraint and the minimum use of force.

He added: "The bid from UKDS met that specification. As it happens, they sought the training from the number one providers — the prison service college." The prison service's experience in control and restraint was second to none and the college would be paid for the training it give to the company's staff.

The contract to run Blakenhurst was awarded in December. The firm is committed to allowing prisoners out of the cells for 15 hours a day but the company has been unwilling to provide any details about staffing levels, basic pay levels or profit margins.

One reason why training in control and restraint techniques may be of vital importance at Blakenhurst is that if prisoners are allowed out of cells for 15 hours a day, trouble could erupt as a result of boredom unless the regime is providing constructive activities.

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JOAN RUSSELL

Let them eat cake: Christine Wilson insists she has widespread support for her seasonal tearoom in Farndale

Trouble's brewing over teatime on the moors

THE daffodils are in full bloom and the tourists are in full flood, but trouble is brewing in the North York Moors hamlet of Church Houses.

This is the time of year that sees thousands of visitors pouring through Farndale to enjoy the floral spectacle. Two local women have responded to the demand for that other essential component of the quintessential English day out — afternoon tea — but both could find themselves in hot water with the planners of the national park, who are considering legal action to close down their businesses. Christine Wilson of Hollins Lodge and Stephanie Tate of the Old Mill began serving teas to cater for the seasonal influx of visitors, pointing out that the Feversham Arms public house, the only other place offering refreshment in the area, was not open all day.

Last month, Mrs Wilson's application to use her dining room as a 40-seat tearoom was rejected by the national park. Val Dilcock, national park planning officer, said yesterday: "We thought Mrs Wilson's tearoom was completely in the wrong place. Hollins Lodge is in an isolated position on a narrow lane where we would be attracting people to stop who wouldn't normally stop. The parking and access are inadequate. And there would be congestion which would lead to traffic problems."

Mrs Wilson said she intended to continue serving teas at weekends. "I have a 200-name petition here supporting my case for a no-smoking and no-alcohol alternative to the local pub. I'll be resubmitting my plans again and again until they're accepted," she added. Her application is supported by Stephanie Tate, who will be submitting her own application next month for a two-month tea garden each year during the daffodil season.

Both ventures are opposed by Ray Debenham, landlord of the Feversham Arms, who said there was insufficient trade. "If permission is granted, it could well threaten my livelihood. It could mean that I would have to close down," he said.

Minister urges curb on lawyers' tricks

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

TOUGHER rules to stamp out unethical practices by solicitors are being demanded by a junior minister.

John Taylor MP, parliamentary secretary at the Lord Chancellor's office, said yesterday that clients were being misled by unrealistically low estimates for conveyancing or were not receiving explanations for charges.

He said that such practices would continue until it was mandatory for solicitors to inform clients at the start of a case how costs would be charged. "I very much regret that at present solicitors are only encouraged, and not required, to inform clients of the likely costs involved and the basis for charging."

Mr Taylor also told solicitors at a Law Society weekend conference in Oxford that where clients succeeded in obtaining a substantial reduction to a solicitor's bill by challenging it through the remuneration certificate procedure, the Solicitors Complaints Bureau should be informed.

A third useful reform would be the underwriting of costs by the solicitors' indemnity fund in cases where clients had to consult a second solicitor because their first had been clearly negligent.

Mr Taylor said he received many complaints that stemmed from the failure of solicitors to inform clients of the likely outcome of a case at its outset, of the risks of "throwing good money after bad" and of the likely overall cost. Solicitors would not be prepared to put themselves in a similar position with plumbers or accountants.

Of more concern were those "admittedly few" cases where clients were encouraged to enter into conveyancing arrangements on the basis of a fixed fee which then "somehow becomes inappropriate and is replaced by a much more substantial fee".

Mr Taylor said such examples smacked of sharp practice rather than of professionalism. "Those complaints will continue until the profession makes it a mandatory requirement that clients are informed of the basis of charging, and are informed if there is any change in what was agreed at the start of the case."

Row grows over Anglicans

Catholics resist conversion of Synod rebels en bloc

BY IAN MURRAY

GRASSROOTS resistance is growing among Roman Catholics in Britain against allowing Anglican priests to join their church simply because they cannot accept the ordination of women priests.

This is despite an unprecedented statement from the Vatican at Easter, saying the Roman Catholic Church "has answered positively" requests for meetings from Anglicans opposed to the ordination of women.

The 36 Catholic bishops of England and Wales start a four-day meeting today to discuss their response to the many overtures they have received from Anglicans. They are not expected to make any statement until after a June meeting of Anglican bishops.



Widdecombe: is to become a Catholic

"We must hope there will be no blanket welcome for these people," Father Oliver McTernan, of Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Notting Hill, west London, said yesterday. "We should accept them only if they are prepared to be full Catholics in a multi-racial, universal church in which English is a common language," he said.

"We don't need Anglo-Catholics and unless they are prepared to accept everything, including our liturgy, we would have to question their motivation in wanting to join.

"Accepting married priests inside our church would also be very insensitive unless something was done about all those good Catholics who had to leave the priesthood just because they fell in love with a woman."

Sister Myra Poole, a convert to Catholicism and founder last month of Catholic Women's Ordination (CWO), said it was "quite unacceptable" to allow hundreds of Anglican ministers to join the Catholic Church together. "We are concerned because opposition to women priests is a negative reason for joining. If 500 or so suddenly come into our church, what effect will that have on our traditions? Individual conversions would be all right provided they were sincere, but we should not allow an *en bloc* conversion just on this one issue.

"These people probably have no idea how radical the Catholic Church is and just do not realise how strong we are on things like liberation and feminist theology. We are concerned that their outdated ideas could put back the progress we have been making by 100 years. I can assure you there will be quite an outcry if they come across *en masse*."

Anglican ministers opposed to women priests hope to convince a hearing of Parliament's Ecclesiastical Committee today that the Church of England has no proper authority to ordain women.

Ann Widdecombe, the social security minister, is to be received into the Catholic Church on Wednesday in Westminster Cathedral. She left the Church of England after the Synod vote and decided on conversion after meetings with Cardinal Hume, the Catholic Archbishop of Westminster. Her sponsors at the special service will be three Catholic MPs: John Patten, the education secretary, David Alton and Julian Brazier. John Gummer, the agriculture minister who has stayed an Anglican although he resigned from the Synod in protest after the vote, will read a lesson.

Measles link gives hope to Crohn's disease sufferers

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MEDICAL researchers have linked Crohn's disease, a chronic condition of the bowel affecting about 50,000 people in Britain, with the virus that causes measles.

The findings, to be published this week in the *Journal of Medical Virology*, have been made by a team at the Royal Free Hospital, north London, and could lead to treatment or cure of the disease, which leads to about half of all patients having some or all of their bowel removed.

Andrew Wakefield, team leader, said: "If we had made this finding on our own we would be more cautious. But our results are supported by recent work from Sweden and America." The research has been backed by the Wellcome Trust, the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease and the Crohn's in Childhood research appeal.

Professor Roy Pounder, clinical director of the inflammatory bowel disease group at the hospital, said yesterday that tests would now begin with anti-viral drugs. Studies are also expected into the possibility of vaccinating those at risk.

Mr Wakefield said research from Sweden indicated that children born to mothers who contract measles during pregnancy were much more likely to develop Crohn's later in life.

The research work linking measles with Crohn's has taken more than five years and has turned conventional views on their head.

Scientists had believed that Crohn's, a disease which normally starts in young adulthood and which is increasing in the West, was an inflammation of the lining and wall of the bowel. The new findings show that inflammation and damage of the blood vessels, caused by an attack of the body's immune system, cause the bowel tissue to become starved of food and oxygen.

After linking the disease with a virus, the scientists discovered the presence of key parts of *paramyxoviridae*, the measles virus, in the tissue lining the intestinal blood vessels. Why measles causes Crohn's in some people remains a mystery. Mr Wakefield said it was possible that particles of measles in the mother's blood infect a developing embryo in the womb, but are not recognised as being alien. This may be because the embryo's immune system is immature or because the virus involved is a mutated form of the type that causes classical measles in children.

Re-exposure to the measles later in life may trigger an immune response that leads to an attack on the blood vessels in the bowel harbouring the virus particles.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Murder charge over body-in-bag

Conor Edward Mary Downey, 24, a machine operator, of Woking, Surrey, will appear at Brent magistrates' court today, charged with the murder of an unidentified woman who was dismembered and dumped in plastic bags on March 12, 1988.

A murder enquiry was launched after the severed limbs of a woman in her 30s were discovered outside a women's refuge in Limehouse, east London. Det Supt Michael Dixon, leading the new enquiry, said police urgently needed to establish the victim's identity.

Pathologists have established that she was white, about 5ft 7in and of medium build. She had several scars on her left wrist and a scar on the base of her right thumb.

Police want to hear from anyone who knows of a woman who disappeared in March 1988, especially if she lived in the Dyne Road area of Kilburn, northwest London.

Driver rescued after cliff fall

A motorist was in intensive care at James Paget Hospital in Gorleston, Norfolk, after he was rescued from a car that plunged over a cliff.

Nicholas Long, 21, was trapped for more than two hours after the incident near a caravan park at East Runton. The rescue involved the coastguard, fire service and police.

Smart parking

A computerised car park, in which motorists drive their vehicles on to "smart" pallets that run on rails, find a space and park themselves, is to be built in Plymouth. Hylo Car Parks of Ivybridge, Devon, says that theft will be reduced as there will be no public access to the parking bays.

Victim's day

Elizabeth Bowring, who was beaten by burglars last week in her flat in Bournemouth, Dorset, celebrated her 100th birthday. Two youths, aged 14 and 18, are expected to appear before magistrates in Bournemouth today in connection with the robbery.

Brothers die

Two boys have died after being rescued unconscious by firemen from the bedroom of their home in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire. Anthony Oldroyd, 4, and his brother, Liam, 18 months, had been on life support machines since the fire last Wednesday.

MP to retire

Max Madden, Labour MP for Bradford West, West Yorkshire, since 1983, is to retire from the Commons at the next general election. Mr Madden, 51, a former journalist, has been an MP since 1974 and had a majority of 9,500 at the last election.

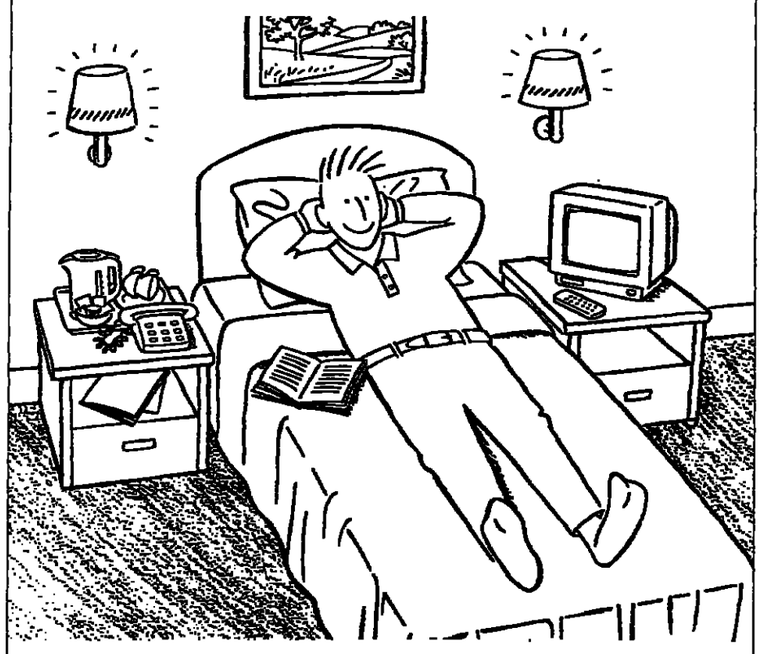
Car explodes

Norma Milburn, 31, and her three children escaped unhurt when a car was driven towards their house in South Stanley, co. Durham, and exploded on the front lawn. The 21-year-old driver, who is believed to be known to the mother, suffered facial injuries.

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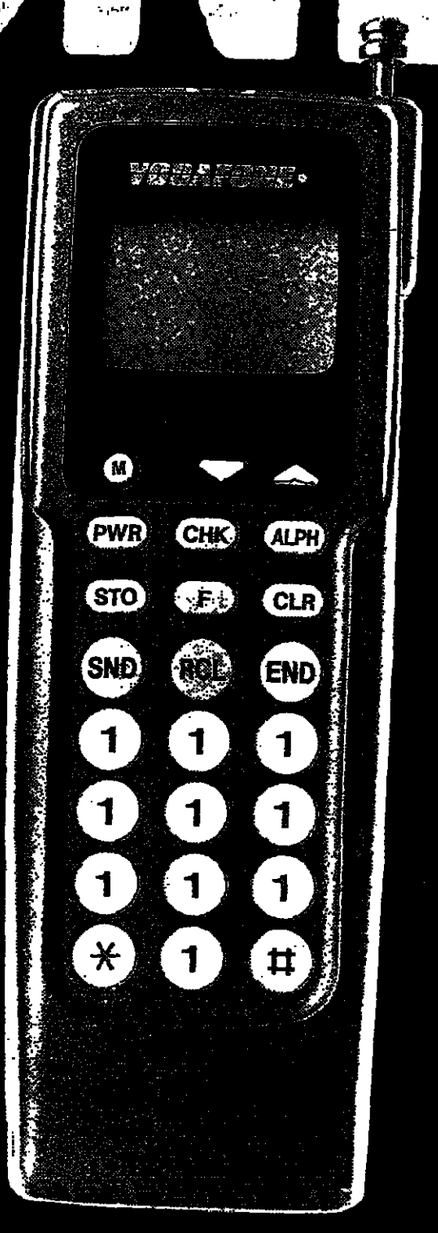
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Cuts in youth service bring crime warning from police chief

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

NEARLY two thirds of local authorities are cutting their youth service budgets, putting youth centres in danger of closure and threatening youth workers with redundancy at a time when public concern at juvenile crime is at record levels, according to a survey by the National Youth Agency.

Janet Paraskeva, the agency's director, said yesterday that the cuts, which are attracting little attention because of the bigger debate over schools, are threatening to destroy the service as a whole. The result would be more young people on the streets and a further rise in vandalism and violence.

"Britain has neglected its youth service badly and it is now in peril," she said. "We are reaping the results of the lack of provision for young people in the trouble we have seen on housing estates, and I believe this is going to get worse. The police are now saying to us very clearly that where youth provision is reduced, vandalism and violence by young people increases."

Albert Pacey, chief constable of Gloucestershire and chairman of the crime committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "We are obviously concerned about cuts in youth provision. The youth service has made a major contribution to diverting young people away from committing offences."

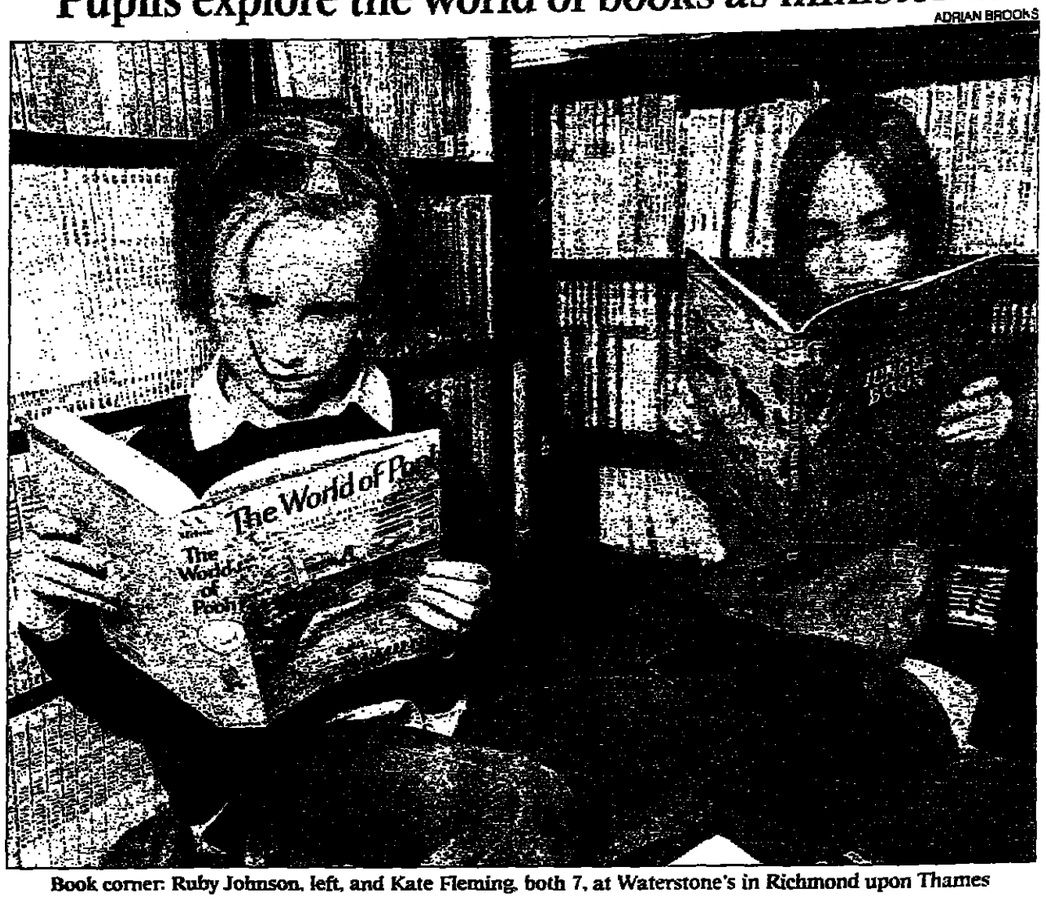
More than 5,000 people work full-time in the youth services of 114 local authorities in England and Wales, aided by 500,000 part-time staff and voluntary helpers. They provide leisure, arts and sport activities, education and training, holidays, counselling and guidance on health and sexual problems for five million young people. Ms Paraskeva said: "They offer a safe place, things to do and a friendly and supportive adult — off the street, out of the pub and not on the corner where the crack dealers are." Of the 48 authorities that have so far given the agency details of their 1993-4 youth service budgets, 31 are making cuts, 14 have frozen spending and three are showing increases.

Twelve authorities are making cuts of more than 10 per cent, some of them large: Enfield in north London by 37 per cent, Dudley in the West Midlands by 28 per cent and Wigan, Greater Manchester, by 38.5 per cent.

The cuts follow reductions last year by more than half of Britain's local authorities. The agency estimates that the annual budget for the youth service nationally has decreased by about £30 million from its 1991 figure of about £240 million. Ms Paraskeva criticised the government for failing to provide national guidelines on how much local authorities should spend on their youth services, other than prescribing that they should be "adequate".

Pupils explore the world of books as minister tackles boycott

ADRIAN BROOKS



Book corner: Ruby Johnson, left, and Kate Fleming, both 7, at Waterstone's in Richmond upon Thames

Patten tries to enlist governors

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

THE education secretary will ask school governors this week to persuade teachers against boycotting national curriculum tests for more than 1.2 million pupils aged 7, 11 and 14.

John Patten is expected also to launch a national advertising campaign aimed at parents, emphasising the importance of the tests in providing information about children's progress. Ministers believe they must outflank the teachers in a confrontation that now jeopardises the government's entire reform programme.

Wandsworth council in southwest London will tomorrow try to overturn a High Court ruling that action by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers is a legal trade dispute.

The six teaching unions are uniting to offers proposals for the curriculum and tesing review being overseen by Sir Ron Dearing.

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Curriculum list is ready and waiting

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A POTENTIAL hazard greets the parent attempting to equip his eight-year-old at one of London's biggest book shops with the English literature list recommended by the authors of the national curriculum. Immediately inside the main door at Dillons the Bookstore is a large display of the new biography of Philip Larkin, and we know what *he* thought your mum and dad did to you.

Closer inspection of Dillons' vast stock gave the distinct impression that the new curriculum list, unlike some others of its kind issued in the past, is by and large in print, up to date and instantly available, notably the recommended modern verse and fiction. A paperback of Kit Wright's *Short Afternoon* verse collection at £6.95 was prominently displayed, and almost all the modern fiction writers from Ian Serraillier and Betsy Byars to Rumer Godden and Rosemary Sutcliff were represented in inexpensive paperback.

With the children's classics, there was equal availability: a paperback *Jungle Book* at £2.99, and plenty of Richmal Crompton, Arthur Ransome and C.S. Lewis.

In the classics section on the third floor, the recommended *Faber Book of Greek Legends* was readily available, and in the poetry department *The Wreck of the Hesperus* could be found in a 95p paperback of Longfellow's greatest hits.

Most parents do not, however, live within easy rich of Dillons. A check on a Hertfordshire town branch of W.H. Smith uncovered plenty of classic fiction but almost none of the recommended modern authors beyond Dahl and Lewis. Nor were Greek legends to be had. To compensate, the shop offered an attractively illustrated hardback *Jungle Book* at 6.99 and two excellent children's poetry anthologies, each at under £7, containing most of the recommended works.

Finally, in the same town, *The Times* went rummaging through a superior secondhand bookshop to discover all ten volumes of Arthur Mee's *Children's Encyclopedia* for £12. Outdated, old fashioned, politically incorrect but magnificently literate, broad-based, intelligent, comprehensible, and overwhelmingly nostalgic to a child of the forties. Needless to say, in the poetry section we found *The Wreck of the Hesperus.*

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THE TIMES/DILLONS DEBATE

Is this the end of marriage?

MARRIAGE is a damaging and outmoded institution which does more harm than good, says Dr Julian Hafner, the psychiatrist and author of the controversial new book *The End of Marriage: Why Monogamy Isn't Working.* Is he right?



Bel Mooney

Dr Hafner will defend his views, supported by Laurie Taylor, professor of sociology at York University, at a Times/Dillons debate. Challenging them will be Rabbi Julia Neuberger and the novelist and broadcaster Bel Mooney.

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Scientist fears worst effects of Shetland oil spill are unseen

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SHETLAND'S bird population may have been much more severely affected by the oil spill from the wreck of the *Braer* than was previously thought, according to a scientist at Glasgow University. The Prince of Wales is visiting the island today to see for himself the effects of the disaster.

Dr Patricia Monaghan, a reader in zoology who has been studying the Shetland coastline for the past three years, believes that the 1,700 dead seabirds recorded after the tanker ran aground represent a fraction of the number of birds affected by the spill.

She says that people should not be lulled into a false sense of security because the oil is no longer visible. "The ecological consequences of it having dispersed into the water and sediment may be more serious than if it had remained on the surface," she said.

Dr Monaghan is concerned that surviving birds and those that return to Shetland each year to breed may be exposed to toxic effects of the oil in water, sediments or contaminated food. She said: "Exposure to only very small amounts of oil can dramatically affect egg production and hatching success."

The food chain is also likely to be at risk. "The slick covered important sand eel spawning areas and crude oil is highly toxic to fish, especially in their developing stages. Even sublethal concentrations can cause development and behavioural abnormalities."

Dr Monaghan is one of a team of environmental specialists appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland to form an ecological steering group, to co-ordinate all the studies on the environmental effects of the *Braer* disaster. She has also been awarded a £90,000 grant from the Natural Environment Research Council to examine the impact of oil on wildlife; her study will be made available to the steering group.

Over the past three years, her team has been studying the stretch of coastline at Sumburgh Head, close to where the *Braer* ran aground, and she has detailed data on the feeding and breeding habits of the birds in that area. For the new study, the birds will be tagged with mini radios so that their feeding, diving and flying habits can be monitored while they are at sea. The two studies will eventually be compared to show the effects of the oil on the birds.

Dr Monaghan said: "The *Braer* was carrying light crude, a variety that has rarely featured in spills, and its effects are complex but poorly understood. It's quicker to disperse than heavy crude but it contains a higher proportion of the more toxic aromatic hydrocarbons.

"Little work has been done on the long-term effects, but it is known that the aromatic hydrocarbons are retained in the body for much longer and can cause tissue damage and severe anaemia."

The Prince of Wales will meet fishermen, students and representatives of the salmon farmers' association on his visit and will see the effects of the oil on fish when he visits the island's seafood quality control unit.

Bradford Cricket League hits a century of tradition for six



Top flight: Kathryn Leng demonstrates her leg spin in Yorkshire Bank's opening game of the season against Pudsey St Lawrence

Wanted — a vision of government that will give direction to change

The Times Essay

In the first of a series, **Professor Norman Lewis** *argues that Britain needs renewal and outlines the form of a reinvented government*

Across the democratic world, the rediscovery of market economics during the 1980s is being followed by an attempt to rediscover effective government.

Increased demand for public services confronts fiscal crisis. Citizens demand high levels of public service but are unwilling or unable to fund higher taxes. Governments are being forced to rethink ways of governing to meet the new circumstances.

There is plenty of evidence of this process at work in Britain. Market testing and competitive tendering are spreading through local and central government. Quasi-markets have begun in state education and health. The citizen's charter is beginning to provide citizens with priced and defined expectations or entitlements.

Public spending pressure means that we are now at the start of a more informed debate on the financing of health and welfare provision. The pressure is to develop a more transparent and individually accountable system than the opaque inefficiencies of general taxation.

What is missing in this process? It is a philosophy of this change, a vision of the new nature of government. The break with old methods — incremental growth, hidden redistributive transfers, imprecise expectations, heavy administrative discretion — is near total. Yet it is far from clear that the changes on the ground are accompanied by a notion of what type of state will emerge.

The triumph of *Reinventing Government*, by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler, published a year ago, is that it succeeds in giving shape and form to similar changes spreading across the United States. Somehow, the American political tradition seems to have a more vigorous capacity for renewal than its European counterparts. Drawing on a rich array of examples of innovation and experimentation from state level through municipalities down to school boards, *Reinventing Government* provides a theory of entrepreneurial government that is the opposite to the traditional command and bureaucratic model. Instead, it aligns government with the methods of successful business. It builds institutions that are responsive to customers, that offer choices of non-standardised services, and are lead by persuasion and incentives rather than instructions.

The new US public servants running those bodies encourage competition, have missions rather than rules and seek to fund outcomes rather than inputs. They concentrate on earning, not just public spending, invest in prevention rather than cure, decentralise and seek to solve problems by leveraging markets instead of building traditional public programmes.

David Osborne's visit to Britain next month, to address a European Policy Forum/*The Times* discussion, provides the opportunity to learn from the intellectual success that has made *Reinventing Government* a best seller, applauded by Democrats and Republicans alike. It provides the chance to give philosophy and vision to Britain's attempts to reform its public services.

The changes to Britain's system need to go deep. For all that we possess one of the oldest stable democratic systems, our political system is heavily over-centralised, closed and generates systematic policy failures. It lacks the constitutional habit of entrenching rights, subjecting public bodies to strong legal frameworks, and then linking rights through the law to constrained and accountable bodies that must operate in a public and transparent manner.

Britain lacks the constitutional infrastructure to reinvent its government and so reforms have been largely managerial and technical. In a peculiarly English way, policy has been relegated. That is why John Major's citizen's charter has yet to catch the imagination of enough politicians and commentators.

Policymaking needs to become more visible and more accountable. This must start with its chief practitioners in Whitehall. New Zealand has shown how to make former permanent secretaries chief executives of their departments, on fixed-term, renewable contracts, directly responsible for their departments' output.

Policy advisers no less than operating managers ought to be identifiable and accountable. Why not focus on desired outcomes as Messrs Osborne and Gaebler argue, and establish bodies with missions? A monetary policy agency in the Treasury would strengthen the likelihood of a long-term anti-inflation fight. A crime reduction bureau, a family poverty watch, a training policy agency would all help to reduce policy incoherence and mobilise energy and ideas in a structure designed to achieve real outcomes rather than perpetuate existing bureaucracies.

To reinvent government is to decentralise government. A revitalised and more autonomous local government, which will need greater financial autonomy, is central to the delivery of improvements in choice and community self-expression.

In Britain, as Professor John Stewart, the founder of the Institute of Local Government Studies at the University of Birmingham, has identified, the unplanned growth of quangos has generated a local accountability gap and further ministerial overload. A reformed system of administrative law is needed to provide a sustainable framework for the activities of non-elected, specifying bodies.

In some cases, education, health and other quangos are an appropriate, if perhaps transitional, means of service provision while the scope of vouchers, credits, user fees and customer linkage is developed. But those bodies, like the regulators of privatised utilities, are at sea in a weak system of administrative law.

Britain needs a rules-based system in which a statutory obligation to consult before making major policy change should apply to all agencies, national and local, which exercise economic and policy power. A one-clause bill, allowing the courts judicial review where there had been failure to provide reasonable consultation, would import transparency, accountability and better policymaking at a stroke.

The specifics of new service provision, monitoring and inspection arrangements, complaint handling and arbitration, and enforceable rights for customers also need to be regularised. Ministerial discretion cannot cope with those issues. Avoidable crises are already arising in education, health, prisons. Here the gap is for a new form of explicit, public law contract to establish the frameworks of accountability of service providers, and to provide for crisis management when ministerial intervention in the new arm's-length arrangements does become necessary.

Britain's public sector needs reform to make it more efficient, more responsive, more democratic and more innovative. But when governments push ownership and control down into the community, their responsibilities are not at an end. If markets are to work effectively, they need the highest quality inputs of trained workers, research, infrastructure and accessible capital. As *Reinventing Government* insists: "This makes government's various roles as educator, trainer, research funder, regulator, rule sette and infrastructure operator far more important than they were 30 years ago."

Reinventing Government, by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler, is published by Addison-Wesley. *How to Reinvent British Government*, by Professor Norman Lewis, director of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Sheffield University, will be published by the European Policy Forum on May 5.

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Factory staff release their frozen assets

BY RONALD FAUX

WORKERS who fought successfully to save their ice cream factory in Kirkby, Merseyside, have pinned their hopes and £500 each on a hot summer and a strong demand for ice lollies. They learnt yesterday that their bid to take over the former Lyon's Maid factory from the receiver had finally succeeded.

Machines that once produced ice-cream and ice lollies worth £1 million a month were primed for action. The workers' co-operative management hopes that all the 45 men and women still jobless after the factory closed last October will be able to return.

"We are starting carefully with just 20 staff but we have strong hopes of a second good contract that will bring everyone who helped save the factory back in with a job," said Steve Alcock, once the transport union convener and now company secretary.

Rescue came from Bob Mottram, a Wirral businessman who has taken a 49 per cent interest in the company, the controlling shares being held by the workforce. Knowsley Borough Council has also given the factory financial backing.

The factory is reverting to its original name of Pendleton's, a once successful ice cream business, and will produce the Pendleton's Twicer — "than which nothing is nicer", according to an old jingle.

Woman's lethal googly bowls over selectors

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

THE Bradford Cricket League has broken more than a century of tradition to field its first woman player.

The Yorkshire league, one of the last strongholds of all-male sporting prowess, made the historic decision after local selectors were so impressed by the bowling skills of Kathryn Leng that they demanded she be allowed to play.

Miss Leng, 19, who comes from a cricketing family and lives in Pudsey, birthplace of Sir Len Hutton, took the ball for Yorkshire Bank in the opening home game of the season on Saturday.

"I've proved it is not just a gentleman's game," she said. "I'm honoured to be allowed to play and just hope I can rise to the opportunity." Miss Leng, a bank clerk, impressed the few spectators watching the second XI match against Pudsey St Lawrence as she took one wicket for 27 runs to help Yorkshire Bank to a draw.

Andy Davidson, the team captain, said she was a talented leg spinner with a lethal googly. "She is in the side on merit and there have been no grumbles, even from the men she is keeping out."

Miss Leng saw her first match at the age of 12 months. She began playing cricket seriously when aged 10, practising with her brother and father, himself a player in four Bradford league teams. She progressed to play for Pudsey juniors and now captains the England women's under-19 side.

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Fighters recruit history to defend cause

FROM GEORGE EYKYN IN SARAJEVO

THERE is fatalism in the way Serb soldiers walk unhurriedly over the open ground towards the front line at Vojkovici near Sarajevo airport — they are completely exposed to Muslim forces from the heights of Mount Igman.

Some sunbathe, dismissing any lull as "the calm before the storm". They know the outside world has condemned them; but the world "doesn't understand".

"We don't need to capture Sarajevo," Sava Lukic says (the same was said of Srebrenica). "Sarajevo is a *Serbian* city. When the Turks came here, a lot of Serbs took Islam as their religion, but this is still Serbian territory."

The fighters ask why Britain and France are against Serbs. Old alliances, their suffering and past sacrifices in other wars still loom large in the Serbian psyche: they have presumed modern Europe shares their detailed knowledge of their history, and that it entitles them to sympathy now.

In the Serb-held suburb of Grbavica beside the River Miljacka, among the rabbit warren of sniper screens, people think the Srebrenica Muslims have had it too good. "They get all the aid, and Serbs get nothing," said one Serbian woman bitterly.

Many civilians living here, including some Muslims, feel things have gone so far that ethnic separation should be accelerated because it is the only way to stop the fighting.

The tactics of the generals and politicians controlling the map-clearing exercise in the east may be transparent; but ordinary Bosnian Serbs serving on local front lines genuinely feel their homes and families are threatened. Such fears are easily exploited.

"We're defending our territory" is the refrain from almost all the soldiers. It is an ambiguous phrase, and in what were Muslim-dominated areas of eastern Bosnia it is an excuse; but many Serbs fighting near their homes argue that for them it is a reality. Some speak of their sorrow at having to fight former Muslim friends.

"Foreigners think we all came in from outside Bosnia to fight," says Slobodan Mijic, a tank captain in Sarajevo. "All my men were born within a mile of here. How can they be called aggressors?"

George Eykyn, a reporter with BBC television, has just spent two weeks with Bosnian Serb soldiers in and around Sarajevo

Clinton prepares to change policy on air strikes

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The US administration has been stung by accusations of dithering. After the Serb advance on the Muslims in Srebrenica, Washington is now poised for intervention

PRESIDENT Clinton's senior advisers sought to craft a coherent and credible new policy on Bosnia at the weekend after the Serb advance on Srebrenica had revealed the disarray in the administration's upper reaches.

As criticism of American inaction mounted, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, Les Aspin, the defence secretary, and Anthony Lake, the national security adviser, urgently reviewed options short of deploying ground troops but including air strikes against Serb targets.

The New York Times called on Mr Clinton to cast aside "passivity and diplomatic doublespeak" and display international leadership over reluctant allies. Robert Dole, the Senate's Republican minority leader, urged the president to give the Serbs 24 hours to withdraw their forces or face Nato air strikes. "Nothing short of the credible threat of military action will be sufficient to stop the Belgrade war machine," he said.

Joseph Biden, a senior Democratic member of the Senate foreign relations committee who recently returned from Bosnia, said he would today present Mr Christopher with a list of recommendations, including the bombing of Serb artillery positions and supply lines.

British policy towards Bosnia may be cautious to a fault, but it is at least consistent. The Clinton administration began last week by agreeing to President Yeltsin's request that a UN vote on tightening sanctions be postponed until after Russia's referendum on April 25, but by Friday Mr Christopher was telephoning Moscow to say that Washington would support an immediate vote even if that weakened Mr Yeltsin.

On Thursday, Mr Christopher said the use of force in Bosnia was "not being contemplated" and rejected Baroness Thatcher's call for arming the Muslims and bombing the Serbs as a "prescription for increasing the carnage". As he spoke, Reginald Bartholomew, the American envoy to the Bosnian peace talks, was talking in London of lifting the UN arms embargo, and the next day Mr Clinton said that the allies had to consider actions that "previously have been considered unacceptable". White House officials said that those included air strikes.

The change of heart by the administration was triggered by a desperate desire to save Srebrenica as Serb units reached its outsksirts. Its nightmare is that the Serbs will overrun all eastern Bosnia and then sue for peace, presenting Washington with what one official called the "hideous dilemma" of having either to support further fighting or allow the Serbs to profit from their aggression.

In his remarks last Friday, as Srebrenica's fate hung in the balance, Mr Clinton continued to display ambivalence. Even as he called for stronger international action, he emphasised America would not act alone, and there was "reason to be humble" when considering intervention in a land as rugged and inhospitable as the former Yugoslavia.

Even as spokesmen for the White House acknowledged that air strikes were being considered, General John Shalikashvili, Nato's American commander, was expressing the Pentagon's opposition. "Bombing limited targets, for instance artillery positions, is more difficult than people think, and there is also no guarantee that such an act would bring a party to the negotiating table," he told a Belgian newspaper.

Leslie Gelb, *The New York Times*' veteran columnist, yesterday accused the Clinton administration of adopting "the European approach to Bosnia: let nature take its course towards a Serb victory over the Muslims — while pretending to do otherwise". The policy was "realistic", but also "devastatingly cynical" and would "eat away at the Clinton presidency and at US foreign policy".

☐ **Bridge targets:** If President Clinton orders air strikes, among the targets could be the bridges that Serbia uses to supply its allies in Bosnia, according to Washington officials last night. Most of the bridges cross the Drina river, which separates Serbia from Bosnia, and they have been a conduit for feeding the Serb military machine in Bosnia, the officials said. Another option was striking at Serb artillery positions in eastern Bosnia. *(AP)*

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BOSNIA-THE PLAN AND THE REALITY



Serb retaliation feared if West embarks on bombing raids

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE growing momentum for launching limited air strikes on Serb targets as a punishment for the assault on Srebrenica is forcing reluctant Western governments towards a new strategy that could mean the end of the present humanitarian aid mission.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, who will be flying to Washington on Wednesday to see Les Aspin, his American counterpart, has been advised by his senior military officials that the 2,500 British troops in Bosnia will have to be withdrawn if bombing raids begin.

The same argument that underpinned Britain's initial opposition to enforcing the no-fly zone — the threat of retaliation against ground troops — are now being applied for air strikes. But just as the government's objections to the no-fly zone were put to one side under pressure from Washington, so the opposition to air strikes may also give way under international pressure.

The US Air Force has already drawn up a list of potential targets, including arms dumps, airfields, surface-to-air missile sites, artillery positions and bridges and roads linking eastern Bosnia with Serbia. However, if air strikes were to be approved as a means of punishing the Bosnian Serbs and forcing them to agree to the Vance-Owen peace plan, British military advice would be to limit the attacks. They would then be seen as a symbolic warning, rather than as the start of longer term military intervention by the West.

The government is anxious to keep alive the humanitarian mission, codenamed Operation Grapple, because ministers can point to the aid convoys as the only success story of an otherwise grim account of Western ineffectiveness. Military sources said that even limited air strikes could put the lives of the 2,500 soldiers at much greater risk because the United Nations would be seen by the Serbs as abandoning its position of neutrality.

To effect the safe withdrawal of British troops from Bosnia, the six batteries of 105mm light guns currently on board the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel, *Argus*, in the Adriatic, would be airlifted to Vitez to provide covering fire.

Suitable targets for air strikes remain a point at issue between Western governments. If the ceasefire agreement around Srebrenica holds and the Serbs are restrained from taking the town by storm, it would be difficult to justify air attacks on their artillery positions around the eastern Bosnian town.

However, a persistent refusal to sign the peace agreement and a continuation of Serb aggression could be answered with limited strikes on supply points, such as bridges and main roads along the border with Serbia. But just as arms dumps are often located in areas of civilian population, so bridges and roads are also used by civilians, raising the danger of "collateral damage", the euphemistic phrase adopted during the Gulf war when coalition bombs and missiles strayed from their military targets.



Rifkind: will meet Les Aspin on Wednesday

To increase the chances of accurate bombing, forward air controllers and special forces equipped with laser marking devices would have to be deployed, especially if a decision was taken to target artillery sites. The Serbs keep their artillery and heavy mortars on the move and precision bombing would be impossible without covert guidance from the ground. Nato bombers would be vulnerable to anti-aircraft guns and an assortment of hand-held and fixed surface-to-air missiles.

If Britain were to take part in air strikes the six RAF Tornado F3s, which are due to arrive at an Italian air base today to join the no-fly zone enforcement operation, will be of no use because they do not have a bombing capability. A squadron of Jaguars has been on 48-hour notice for some weeks and could be sent to Bosnia. The alternative would be to send Tornado GR1s or the Sea Harriers on board the carrier, HMS *Ark Royal*, currently in Naples.

The worst scenario, painted last week by General John Shalikashvili, the American supreme allied commander in Europe, is that bombing raids could kill civilians without advancing peace negotiations.

☐ **Crews protected:** As the six Tornado F3s (plus a seventh as a spare) prepared to leave RAF Leeming in Yorkshire for a base in southern Italy, Group Captain Phil Roser, the station commander, said yesterday that the crews would be shielded from media attention as a result of lessons learned from the Gulf war. He said the crews would not be identified. "In the worst possible case, if my crews find themselves in a situation where they are at risk, I would not want them to be readily identified and picked out for their media coverage," he said.

In the Gulf war, pilots captured by the Iraqis were subjected to torture and public humiliation in Baghdad.



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Caught in the crossfire of Bosnia's other war



*After escaping from a battlefield guesthouse, **Adam LeBor** sees British troops in the thick of action between Muslims and Croats in Vitez, central Bosnia*

WHILE world attention focuses on the agony of Srebrenica and the Muslim-Serb front, fighting between Muslims and Croats is also spreading as if a burning match had dropped on a river of petrol. In contrast to Srebrenica, British troops on the Muslim-Croat front are right in the line of fire.

We woke yesterday to a dawn calm punctured by the boom-whistle-bang of mortar fire and the rapid cracks of automatic weapons. A siren screamed out a warning that we were under attack.

The Muslim-owned guesthouse, above a petrol station in Vitez, had been the site of previous clashes between Muslim fighters and their nominal Bosnian Croat allies. Still, we had felt safe enough on Saturday night.

In the dark we had not noticed the defensive slit trenches dug around, a bad sign: we had checked into a battlefield. Five Muslim fighters guarded the place, one barely in his twenties, an extra clip for his AK47 in his trouser pocket.

But as we scrambled to gather our luggage and don bullet-proof vests and helmets they were gone. As we stood in the first-floor hallway wondering where to hide, the firing got louder and nearer.

A bullet smacked through a window, shattering the glass. We — correspondents for the BBC and *The Washington Post*, two German journalists, an interpreter and I — crawled along the corridor for cover. We were trapped.

A pitched battle raged away a few feet beneath us. We sat on the stairs and waited. It was all we could do, each trying to control his fear and dam the rush of disasters unfolding in our heads.

After a few minutes — although it seemed longer — the tempo changed. The shooting slowed and we heard instead shouts and screams for mercy. A soldier stormed in, his face covered in a khaki ski-mask. His AK47 at the ready, he saw us immediately as he raced up the stairs. "*Novinar, novinar*," we shouted, intoning the Serbo-Croat word for journalist, now a mantra for those reporting here.

He demanded to see our press cards. Thankfully they worked. He nodded as we handed them over. We asked who he was, scanning his uniform for badges.

"Don't ask," he said. "You don't want to know. Is there anyone else up there?" he demanded. We shook our heads.

He ran up the stairs and methodically kicked in each door before swinging his gun round and rushing in.

The rooms checked, he ran downstairs and smashed his way through a glass door. Another soldier appeared and we realised the petrol station had new owners. We had been captured by a unit of the HVO, the Bosnian Croat army, instead of a mafia gang or drunken militia. The second soldier motioned us out.

"The UN is patrolling, we will stop them when they go by and get you out," he said.

As we grabbed our bags and ran downstairs, we saw our former Muslim guards. The young soldier and his comrades were standing against the wall, their hands in the air, their faces fearful.

There was no UN vehicle outside. We ran to our car, past an unexploded grenade, and piled in. The second HVO soldier came out with us ready to provide covering fire.

We drove off down the road to the British army base a couple of miles away, swerving and weaving to avoid any sniper fire. A few minutes later we were inside the army compound. It was just after 6.30am; the day had barely begun.

Soldiers roamed the streets torching houses and hurling grenades inside. Plumes of smoke rose over the town, and by the end of the day between 20 and 30 people had been killed, in Vitez, and more in the surrounding villages, said British officers. British UN troops went out on patrol in Warrior armoured vehicles evacuating the wounded, rescuing women and children trapped by sniper fire and trying to negotiate a ceasefire. The diplomatic niceties of the UN mandate were swiftly forgotten in the rush to save lives.

They returned to the base sickened by the carnage they had witnessed. One officer described how he had seen the charred corpse of a woman sitting on the stairs in her burnt-out house, like a scene from Pompeii.

From the window of a nearby house the British soldiers watched the battle unfold. Bosnian Croats set up a multiple-rocket launcher in the hills nearby and a fighter the neighbours said was the local postman fired a large calibre mortar at the bottom of the garden.

When the whoosh, whoosh, whoosh of the rockets and the bang and clatter of the mortar became too loud we ran down into the shelter, where the windows rattled and the door shook each time the postman knocked. In the evening an army doctor came to show us and the soldiers how to apply an intravenous drip. We heard later that the HVO had blown up the petrol station. We do not know what happened to the Muslim fighters.

☐ **Aid threat:** The entire UN aid operation to central Bosnia could soon collapse without a massive new injection of funds and relief supplies, according to UN relief officials. Unless aid organisations receive the supplies they urgently need, *millions of displaced* people could try and leave former Yugoslavia in a mass exodus towards neighbouring countries, they believe.

The situation is so critical that aid officials have been forced to recall a ship loaded with wheat from the Black Sea. Even though the vessel had unloaded half its cargo of 7,800 tonnes, destined for hungry refugees in eastern Bosnia, it was ordered to reload and head back to the Croatian port of Ploce with its cargo to be diverted to refugees in central Bosnia.



Cut down: soldiers of the Royal Irish Regiment treating a casualty of the fighting between Muslims and Croats in Ahimici village, near Vitez. The man later died

Bianca Jagger bound for Tuzla

FROM TOM RHODES IN SPLIT

BIANCA Jagger was today preparing to fly to the Bosnian enclave of Tuzla in the hope of taking a Muslim child blinded in the Serbs' onslaught of Srebrenica to Los Angeles for treatment.

The mission comes after days of wrangling between AmeriCares, the aid charity to which Ms Jagger has lent her name, and the United Nations over a proposal to fly 38 tonnes of medical equipment into the eastern Bosnian city.

Whether Ms Jagger, former wife of the singer Mick Jagger, and two AmeriCares doctors would be allowed to land at Tuzla remained uncertain last night. If successful, however, Sead Bekric, 13, who lost his sight after being hit by shrapnel in Srebrenica, is expected to undergo treatment at a Los Angeles eye clinic within days.

The emergence of the glamorous Ms Jagger as saviour to Srebrenica's victims is being viewed with scepticism by many on the ground, who dismiss the flight as a symbolic gesture. "She is coming in to save the life of one boy, while thousands remain stranded," a worker for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said in Split.

Nevertheless, Ms Jagger, who has worked with UN agencies in Bosnia before, has been tireless in her efforts to assist the refugees of Srebrenica in recent days. She has targeted almost everyone of importance in the Washington administration including President Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore. The Vatican has also been sent a fax.

"It is vital to ensure the opening of Tuzla airport for the ultimate survival of tens of thousands of refugees fleeing from the slaughter of Srebrenica," Ms Jagger said. "This is no longer a bureaucratic debate, it is an issue of life and death.

"It is my view that the United Nations is unwittingly becoming an accomplice in the process of 'ethnic cleansing' being carried out by the Serbs." Ms Jagger put this view in a letter to the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali.

Her words were not welcome, however, among some of the UNHCR workers in Split yesterday. They have spent painstaking and often dangerous months trying to supply the Bosnians with convoys of food and emergency supplies.

Roisin Sheridan, a social worker who has been based in Zenica, said: "There is no point in people such as Bianca Jagger getting on bandwagons. If supplies are to be taken into these places, then they should be organised through the existing channels."

Napkin maps a divided future

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE

THE fate of Bosnia-Herzegovina was being decided over a paper napkin yesterday. Momcilo Krajisnik, Speaker of the Bosnian Serb parliament, lent over the grapes, took out his fountain pen, and sketched his map of Bosnia. "If we withdrew here," he said, stabbing the napkin, "it would have to be demilitarised." Jeremy Brade, the British envoy of peacemakers Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, said: "Well, there are problems."

A French journalist remarked: "This becomes more and more like a Buñuel film every minute." The napkin map and the reference to the surrealist Spanish film-maker came as Bosnian Serb leaders entertained United Nations generals, Russian deputies, Serb clergymen and other assorted guests to an Orthodox Easter banquet in Pale, the former ski resort that is now the Bosnian Serb headquarters. Ten miles to the west, more than 300,000 people remained trapped in Sarajevo.

Exhausted after 14 hours of negotiations over the fate of Srebrenica, General Philippe Morillon, the UN commander-in-chief for Bosnia, stared into space. Dr Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, nudged him from his reveries and challenged him to a traditional Easter egg fight. The general, who has recently been attacked by the Serbs as pro-Muslim, gripped his red-dyed, hard-boiled egg while Dr Karadzic crushed its top with his own. The general hit back, smashing Dr Karadzic's. "I won one, he won the other," said the Serb, smiling.

At the other end of the table, some serious business was being done. General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military chief, talked in hushed tones with General Lars-Erik Wahlgren, the UN commander for the whole of former Yugoslavia. General Wahlgren looked tense, growing puce. "He always looks like that," said an aide.

The Russian deputies arrived. They received a standing ovation, greeted as Orthodox brothers who had come to protect the Serbs. Yevgeni Ambartsumov said: "We wish peace to all Orthodox, Catholics and Muslims" — hardly the rousing call to Slav brotherhood that was expected. Applause was muted. Mr Ambartsumov said his delegation was unanimous about one thing. "The shelling and shooting on Sarajevo has to stop immediately. That's the first thing we will tell Dr Karadzic," he said.

Then Metropolitan Nikolaj, the most senior Bosnian Serb cleric, rose to speak. Talking of the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb republic, he said that "nothing that comes easily lasts," adding: "You must walk on thorns."

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Pakistan military casts long shadow over democracy



Ishaq Khan: backed by the top brass

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

Despite protestations of neutrality, the army remains the same as ever: autocratic, manipulative and ruthless. Corruption is the heart and soul of Pakistani politics

PAKISTAN has spent half its existence under military rule and the other half in a democratic twilight overshadowed by the army.

Benazir Bhutto was sacked at the army's behest in October 1990, and Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, has similarly drawn the army's wrath by striking out for independence. Although last night's dismissal of parliament was not overtly a military move, it is almost certain that the army was intimately involved in the decision.

For all its protestations of neutrality, the top brass have revealed themselves as creatures of habit: autocratic, scheming, manipulative and ruthless. General Zia-ul Haq, the late dictator, crushed any democratic shoots. General Aslam Beg, his successor as army chief of staff, kept democracy weak. And so it is with the current military high command, headed by General Waheed, which has sided openly with President Ghulam Ishaq Khan in recent weeks in his power struggle with Mr Sharif.

Mr Ishaq Khan is something of an army puppet, who sacked Miss Bhutto under orders and is either acting under orders this time or at least taking his decisions with their full approval. The irony is that although Mr Sharif fell foul of the military, he is a product of the martial law rule under General Zia, who handpicked him as a frontman.

Corruption is the heart and soul of Pakistani politics and commerce, a lethal brew of bribing, threatening, cajoling and killing. But none is more ruthless than Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), the military spy agency, which is assuredly closely involved in the current upheaval. One of the stated reasons for dismissing Mr Sharif's government was corruption, the very reason cited for getting rid of Miss Bhutto.

The ISI is one of the world's most ruthless state organisations, independently rich and answerable to none but itself. It has grown powerful on war, drugs and terrorism. It largely created the multiparty grouping, the Islamic Democratic Alliance, dominated by Mr Sharif's Muslim League, in order to ensure that Miss Bhutto was defeated in the general election following her dismissal.

The army's distaste for Mr Sharif intensified after he was elected as president of the Muslim League, thus giving him a broader power base. Aware that the president and the army were gunning for him, he announced that he would ask parliament to repeal the eighth amendment to the constitution, which gives the president two crucial powers: the power to name and appoint the army chief of staff, and the power to dissolve parliament. The former makes him an army puppet; the latter keeps the army in the position of ultimate authority.

It was a gamble that was bound to fail, given the odds stacked up against him. The president has faithfully done the army's bidding.

Presidential elections are due at the end of the year, and Mr Sharif opposed Mr Ishaq Khan being nominated again as the Muslim League's nominee for a further five-year term. He lost that battle, too. The question for the past three weeks, therefore, has not been whether Mr Sharif would go, but when.

The army resents playing second fiddle to politicians and has open contempt for them. General Asif Nawaz, the former chief of staff who died recently — his wife claims he was poisoned — considered a military coup. Both Miss Bhutto and Mr Sharif pandered to the military by introducing pro-Islamic legislation, but it was not impressed.

The question now is how the army, having already got rid of her once, will ensure Miss Bhutto is not re-elected. Their tactics will become clear soon, and doubtless they will wear a democratic disguise.

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Bhutto: sacked at the army's behest

Italians rush to embrace new order in politics

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

VOTING began yesterday in the referendum on Italian electoral reform designed to change the political system that is widely held responsible for the corruption scandal shaking the country.

Giuliano Amato, the Socialist prime minister, said at the weekend that he would go to the Quirinal Palace today to resubmit his mandate to President Scalfaro. The head of state will try to name a prime minister-designate to head a government to steer through reform to end the present proportional representation system.

The public is clamouring for change as the extent of corruption among the old political class emerges: on Saturday, Cesare Romiti, managing director of Fiat, said that he would present himself for interrogation to judges investigating the scandal.

Opinion polls on the referendum predict an overwhelming victory in favour of a British or French-style first-past-the-post system. The greater the extent of a "yes" win, the more likely Signor Amato is to try to find a different prime minister.

He is pushing to form a second government with a wider base, but the opposition Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communists, have said they will not join an administration under his leadership. Signor Amato is expected to test how much support he has in a parliamentary debate, probably on Wednesday. Turnout in the referendum was brisk on a sunny spring day. First results will be known this afternoon.

The main promoter of the referendum, Mario Segni, looked confident and relaxed as he cast his ballot in his native Sardinia. He is asking the 45 million voters to introduce the winner-takes-all system for 238 of the 315 seats in the senate while retaining proportional representation for the rest. If the "yes" vote wins, the lower house, the chamber of deputies, is expected to follow suit.

One of the main campaigners for a "no" vote, Leoluca Orlando, head of the Rete (network) anti-Mafia party, suffered a blow to his image on the eve of the referendum. *Panorama* magazine reported that Sicilian judges are investigating him for possible links to organised crime during his period as mayor of Palermo.

Milan magistrates were preparing for a meeting tomorrow or on Wednesday with Signor Romiti to discuss bribery by executives in the largest Italian private company, judicial sources said. He offered to meet the judges after a meeting between Fiat lawyers and magistrates in Milan.

At the end of the meeting, Judge Gherardo Colombo is reported to have decided to suspend issuing an arrest warrant for another Fiat executive. Judicial sources denied that it was for Signor Romiti.

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Joyful witness: the Rev Jesse Jackson celebrates the verdict at a Los Angeles church with its pastor and people

Guilty verdicts bring Los Angeles peace

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN LOS ANGELES

A NIGHT of abnormal calm followed a day of quiet rejoicing in Los Angeles after a federal jury convicted two white policemen of violating the civil rights of Rodney King, the black motorist. Two other officers were acquitted.

The split verdicts on Saturday, and the presence of thousands of extra police in riot gear on the streets of the city, not only prevented any repetition of the civil unrest which erupted last April when the men were acquitted of most state charges, but kept the crime in this habitually violent city far below its normal level. A police spokesman said: "This weekend was the safest in years."

The two convicted men, Stacey Koon, the sergeant in command when Rodney King was repeatedly beaten and kicked on the night of March 3, 1991, and Laurence Powell, the officer who delivered most of the baton blows, each face up to ten years in prison and fines of up to $250,000 (163,000). They will be sentenced on August 4. They are to appeal.

The end of the case, one of the most highly charged and controversial in US legal history, was hailed as a triumph across America. President Clinton commended the jury for its verdicts, while Tom Bradley, the mayor of Los Angeles, said: "Today, Los Angeles has turned a corner."

In an anonymous interview after the verdicts, one juror said the famous video of the beating was the single most crucial item of evidence against the officers. "The tape basically speaks for itself," he said. "I'd say that's what convicted them."

Although a few Los Angeles residents, predominantly those in the poorer black neighbourhoods, said that all the officers should have been found guilty, most reacted positively and some responded with unrestrained joy.

The Rev Jesse Jackson said that the verdicts would "restore some of black Americans' confidence in the judicial system".

Warsaw honours ghetto fighters

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN WARSAW

POLES and Jews tried to heal 50-year-old wounds yesterday by commemorating jointly the Warsaw ghetto uprising, when a handful of poorly armed resistance fighters battled hopelessly against the Nazis for several weeks.

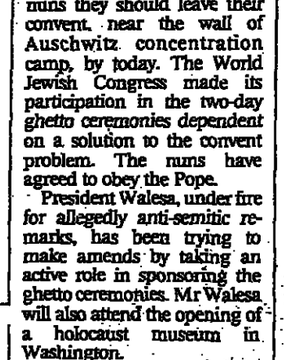
Relationships between the Roman Catholic Poles and the Jews are still raw. Many Jews believe that the Polish resistance deliberately held back weapons from the ghetto. Polish historians say that guns were scarce and the Germans vigilant.

As representatives laid flowers yesterday at Treblinka concentration camp, where many of the 300,000 Jews deported from the ghetto were killed, articles by survivors tried to clear the air. One Polish writer, seeking to explain the helplessness felt by those outside the ghetto, described seeing a small Jewish boy who had slipped through the wall into the streets of Warsaw. A German SS trooper threw the boy to the ground and started to kick him. Passing by in a tram, Polish women hurled themselves at the window and started to scream in protest. The German looked up, the tram continued and the boy died. Other writers have written of the Poles who risked their lives to help Jews.

The sensitivity of this 50th anniversary has been apparent for weeks. The Pope seemed to have removed one source of conflict by telling 30 nuns they should leave their convent, near the wall of Auschwitz concentration camp, by today. The World Jewish Congress made its participation in the two-day ghetto ceremonies dependent on a solution to the convent problem. The nuns have agreed to obey the Pope.

President Walesa, under fire for allegedly anti-semitic remarks, has been trying to make amends by taking an active role in sponsoring the ghetto ceremonies. Mr Walesa will also attend the opening of a holocaust museum in Washington.

Marek Edelman, the only surviving ghetto uprising leader to live in Poland, explained in an interview yesterday that he was still a profound pessimist. "I do not believe that it can never happen again," he said. "In the past 50 years, we have come across genocide again and again: in Asia, South America and now in Yugoslavia, in the heart of Europe. That does not encourage optimism."



Walesa: accused of anti-semitic remarks

NEWS IN BRIEF

Balladur defends rural life

Paris: France, deluged with bad news and stung by foreign criticism, took some solace over the weekend from what many see as the biggest political act so far by Edouard Balladur, the new conservative prime minister: he has banned the construction of hypermarkets anywhere in the country until further notice (Charles Bremner writes).

His order, coupled with a freeze on the withdrawal of public services to villages, is being hailed as a desperately needed first step towards preserving the fabric of France and the national identity. *Le Quotidien de Paris* called it an act in defence of the little people and the countryside that would warm the hearts of anti-Maastricht campaigners and all those who wanted to save the soul of France. *Le Figaro* said: "*La douce France* is cheering M Balladur."

This emotional reaction springs from the crisis of image afflicting France that is every bit as acute as Britain's present despair. Anyone who grumbles about Gallic cockiness should note a poll by *L'Express* magazine this week that found that 62 per cent are pessimistic about the future of their country. "Here we are on the verge of a new millenium, lost in a world without references," *L'Express* lamented.

Direct rule in Chechenia

Moscow: General Dzhokar Dudayev, leader of the southern Russian republic of Chechenia, dissolved both government and parliament at the weekend and imposed direct presidential rule after days of street protests over falling living standards (Anne McElvoy writes).

Announcing the measures at a rally of 30,000 supporters in the capital Grozny, he also imposed a midnight to dawn curfew in the city after demonstrators had called on him to resign and hold elections.

Americans hit Iraqi radar

Washington: An American plane destroyed an Iraqi radar tracking site south of the no-fly zone over northern Iraq after the aircraft had been "illuminated" by the radar.

A spokesman for the defence department said the plane, one of two on a routine monitoring patrol, was not fired on but "the crew felt threatened", and had acted correctly under their operational guidelines. "When you're illuminated it's considered a threat," he said. *(AP)*

Socialists slip in Spanish poll

Madrid: For the first time since the Socialists came to power in Spain in 1982, a leading opinion poll shows that the centre-right Popular party, the main opposition in the Cortes, is now in the lead (Edward Owen writes).

The survey in *El Mundo*, which supports the Popular party, gave it 35.8 per cent of the vote and the ruling Socialists 34.4 per cent. Spain is scheduled to go to the polls on June 6.

Turks vie for Ozal's mantle

BY ANDREW FINKEL

SHOCKED Turks have gone into mourning following the death of the man who dominated political life for the past decade. Turgut Ozal, the former president who died of heart failure on Saturday, will be buried in Istanbul on Thursday.

Afterwards, parliament will begin the task of choosing a successor. At a time when Turkish politics are splintered and no single party enjoys an obvious lead, deputies will try to take no more than a month over this, as it would make new elections compulsory.

An obvious candidate is Husamettin Cindoruk, the Speaker of the assembly, who is acting president. Mr Cindoruk was a member of the ruling True Path party, but has shown himself independent enough to be acceptable to the Social Democrats, junior partners in the coalition government. There is also speculation that Suleyman Demirel, the prime minister, may seek the job, which is for a seven-year term.

The Turkish president is supposed to be non-partisan. However, Mr Ozal was able after being selected in 1989, to control the government through having a weak successor as prime minister. During this period Mr Ozal caused Turkey to back the West in the Gulf war.

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Armenians close in on isolated border villages

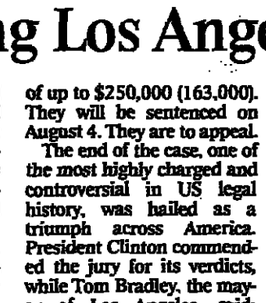
FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN YEMAZLI ON THE AZERBAIJAN-ARMENIAN BORDER

SMOKE from the burning village of Yemazli was visible for miles across the rolling foothills of the Lesser Caucasus. Our lorry scattered dust, stones, other vehicles and the feathers of a turkey which strayed into our path.

Shakhmar Guliev, the driver, was going to rescue his family and neighbours from the fire of Armenians. He had already made two journeys into the storm which had descended on the Azerbaijani border village when the assault began at noon on Saturday.

The furthest outskirts of Yemazli are a mile from the frontier with Armenia. Armenian-held Nagorno-Karabakh is some 30 miles to the northeast. On three sides, the village is surrounded by high green hills from which the sound of guns echoed. On the fourth side are the immense snow-capped mountains of southern Armenia. A millennium ago, the advancing Turks drove the ancestors of the Armenians into the mountains, and it is from that strategic advantage that the Armenians are now avenging themselves on the Turks' Azerbaijani descendants.

"Even before the war, the Armenians used to come over to steal our sheep," a villager said. The local defence force was dressed in a mixture of military uniform and farmers' working clothes smelling of livestock — a vivid reminder that the fighting has all the intimacy and savagery of a feud between peasant neighbours.



Villagers in Yemazli who have not fled were angry with the military authorities in Zangelan, 12 miles to the south, for their lack of support. Mr Guliev said: "When I went to the commander to ask for help, he accused me of disturbing the peace." He added: "All we've got to protect us is a company of children," referring to the handful of youthful soldiers defending the hamlet. Reinforcements only reached Yemazli six hours after the fighting began.

We saw no sign of further Armenian advances, so the attack was probably just one of the series of raids which have been keeping the local Azerbaijani forces off balance, drawing troops from the more important fronts in Karabakh.

In December, just south of Yemazli, the Armenians pinched off a piece of Azerbaijani territory extending into Armenia, capturing five villages and forcing the inhabitants of others to flee from their fires. In no man's land, we visited Sheyifli, deserted except for three shepherds and several abandoned dogs.

On a visit to the Azerbaijani army it was easy to see the reasons for their string of defeats and retreats. The forward positions were held by small numbers of badly equipped men, while thousands of troops sit around in rear areas drinking tea. The sight of a senior officer at the front line was rare. Hundreds of thousands of Azerbaijani youths are unemployed, but volunteers for the war were few.

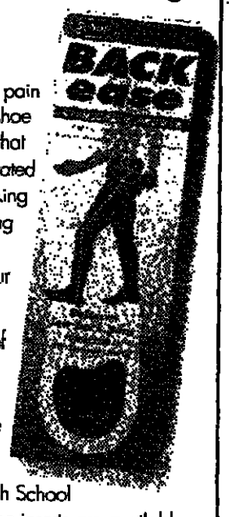
At Yemazli, Private Sekhavet Bakhtimirov, on a hilltop in the second line, said: "The Armenians attacked upper Yemazli with two tanks supported by infantry, and there were only nine of us with rifles, so we ran." None of the men in his section had a steel helmet or a flak jacket. Only one had a rocket-propelled grenade launcher, with two rounds. A battalion near Sheyifli had only an old anti-aircraft gun and a machine-canon.

The Zangelan district now forms a tongue of territory almost cut off from the rest of Azerbaijan. It does not look as if the army will be able to do very much to stop the Armenians from cutting it off.

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Arab call for concessions delays restart of peace talks

■ The deportees will attempt to scupper any resumption of talks in Washington until the Israelis reverse their explusion orders. Israel, however, is in no mood for conciliation

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MARJ AZ-ZAHOUR

THE ninth round of Middle East peace talks due to resume tomorrow in Washington was last night expected to be delayed by at least a week, after objections by the Palestinians.

In a move of diplomatic brinkmanship, apparently aimed at squeezing concessions from Israel, Palestinian officials said they did not expect to rejoin the talks before April 27. A formal date should be agreed by all the Arab participants — Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians — at a meeting in Damascus today.

Israel greeted the news of the latest postponement with anger and disappointment. It made clear that it had no intention of making any conciliatory gestures to the Palestinians ahead of the talks. Instead Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, won approval from his coalition cabinet to continue the closure order on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where nearly two million Palestinians have been prevented from entering Israel since the beginning of the month.

The latest delay is a blow to the prestige of Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, who claimed after his visit to the region two months ago that he had agreement from all the parties for the resumption of negotiations.

The peace process continues to be dogged by the plight of nearly 400 Palestinian deportees stranded in southern Lebanon, whose spokesman insisted again yesterday that no progress could be made until their expulsion order was reversed.

Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, one of the deportees at Marj az-Zahour, said: "Christopher must understand that without solving the deportees issue the negotiations cannot resume." Leaders of the 396 Palestinians in no man's land yesterday claimed victory in securing a delay in the resumption of the peace talks after their march on Friday towards Israeli positions.

"The minute we hear that the so-called Palestinian delegation has decided to attend [the talks], we will burn our tents and all our clothes and begin a new march, dressed only in our white burial shrouds, in which I guarantee there will be much bloodshed," Aziz Dweik, another camp spokesman, said.

Members of the Palestinians delegation have said they are prepared to return to the talks without a full repatriation, so long as Israel promises never to resort to mass expulsions again. Yesterday an Israeli was hacked to death by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, two days after a Palestinian was killed and eight Israelis hurt in a car bomb attack in the West Bank.

☐ **Arms bribe:** Dov Raviv, the former head of Israel's Arrow anti-missile project, part of the Strategic Defence Initiative, was convicted of taking a £116,000 bribe from a Canadian firm. *(Reuter)*



Chain of anger: African National Congress supporters marching to Johannesburg police headquarters in protest at Chris Hani's assassination

Ex-MP's arrest in Hani enquiry stuns right

FROM RAY KENNEDY AND MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

CLIVE Derby-Lewis, the English-speaking voice of South Africa's right-wing Conservative Party, who has been linked to the assassination of Chris Hani, is expected to appear in court today. Hernus Kriel, the law and order minister, said Mr Derby-Lewis was detained after interrogation of Janusz Walus, 40, the Polish immigrant accused of the murder.

The news of the weekend arrest has stunned the right wing. Mr Derby-Lewis, 57, a confidant of Andries Treurnicht, the Conservative leader, a former MP, and a member of the president's council, is seen as a quintessential colonial who, in cultured tones, can deliver statements so racist that other members shudder.

As Mr Derby-Lewis appears in court, the funeral of Hani will take place. Nearly 100,000 people are expected to follow the cortege from the First National Bank football stadium, in the west of Johannesburg, to the Germiston cemetery 30 miles to the east of the city.

An estimated 40,000 black mourners yesterday danced and sang their way into the stadium on the edge of Soweto. They came to pay their respects to the remains of Hani, general secretary of the South African Communist Party, who was assassinated a week ago. Once inside the stadium, astonishingly for an exuberant African crowd, they stood in silence for half an hour while the leaders of the African National Congress and its two allies, the Communist party and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, filed past the open coffin.

Today's funeral will be the biggest test of the ANC's determination to ensure that its followers do not repeat the scenes of anarchy and vandalism that marked last week's day of mourning in at least four cities in South Africa. The huge numbers involved will make their task, and that of the police, highly charged and difficult. Zach de Beer, the leader of the liberal Democratic party, yesterday described Mr Derby-Lewis as "an absolute racist who at times has even been an embarrassment to the Conservative party". But Frank Le Roux, the Conservative chief whip, said that his arrest was a "red herring to draw attention away from the insinuations that third forces had taken part in the assassination".



Derby-Lewis: cultured tones, racist rhetoric

After being appointed a nominated Conservative MP in 1987 Mr Derby-Lewis shocked his parliamentary colleagues after a minister told the House that a jetliner had burst two tyres on landing when the pilot braked violently to avoid a black man walking on the runway. "What a pity," Mr Derby-Lewis declared. He later apologised, and said the remark had "slipped out".

NEWS IN BRIEF

US envoy quizzes Vietnam on PoWs

Hanoi: John Vessey, the US ambassador to Vietnam, said Hanoi had given him "important information" on a document found in Moscow about US prisoners of war in Vietnam, but he did not know if the document was genuine.

Mr Vessey said as he arrived for the two-day visit that he was seeking answers to "very serious questions" raised by the document, which indicates that Hanoi was holding 1,205 US PoWs in 1972 — 604 more than it freed the following year. In all 2,264 Americans are listed missing in Southeast Asia, more than 1,600 in Vietnam. *(AFP)*

Mubarak acts

Cairo: President Mubarak has dismissed Abdel-Halim Moussa, his interior minister, for failing to end Muslim extremists' violent campaign to overthrow the government. His replacement is Major General Hassan al-Alfi, security chief in Assiut. *(AP)*

Bomb explodes

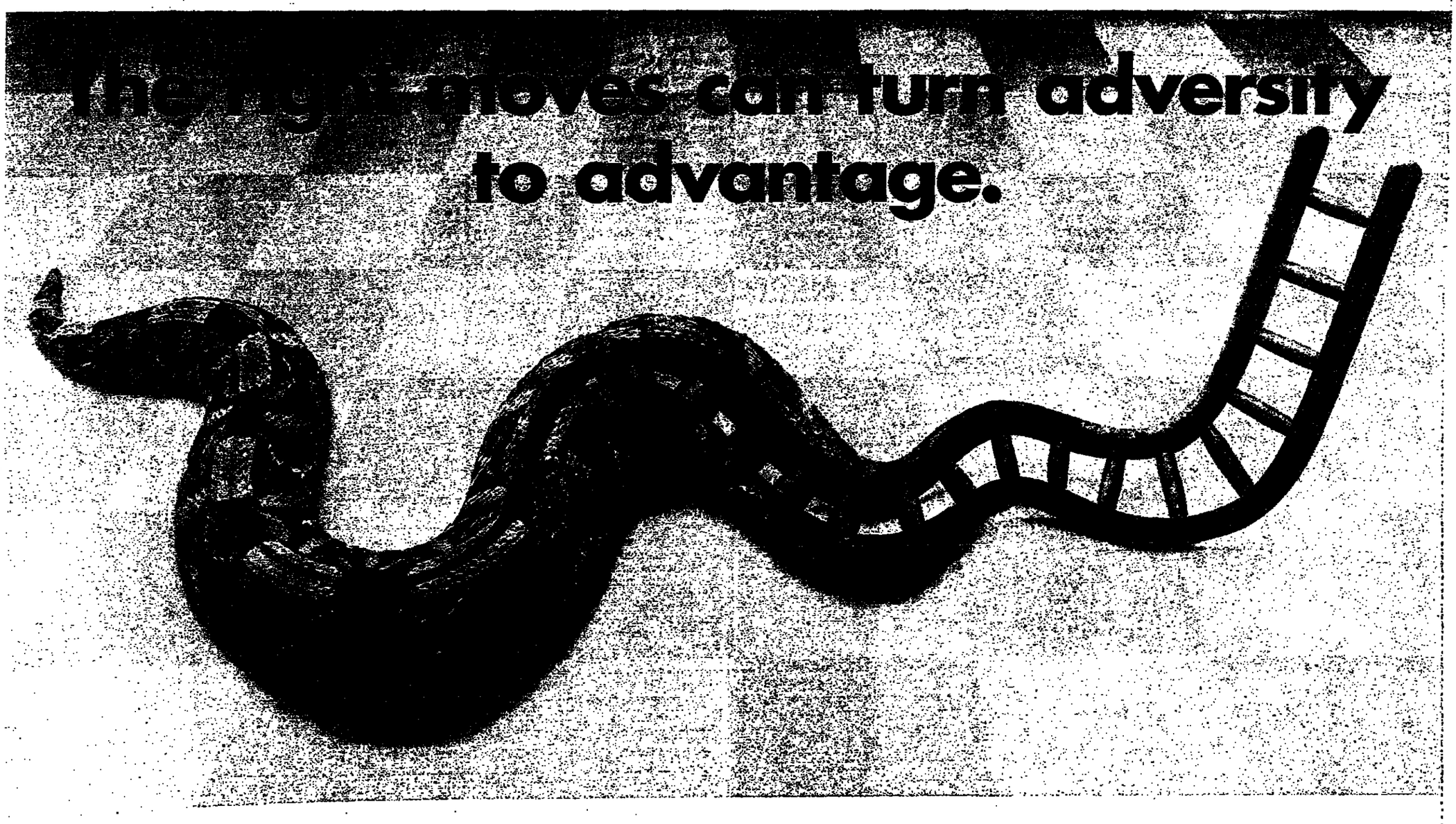
Paris: A bomb explosion in a Montmartre restaurant caused damage but no injuries. An unexploded grenade was found inside and "Makome", the name of a Zairean teenager who died in police custody, was inscribed on a wall. *(AP)*

Rights violated

Geneva: The UN Human Rights Centre says at least half the world's population suffers serious violations of basic rights ranging from torture and executions to slavery and starvation. Up to 200 million work as child labour. *(AP)*

Quake strikes

Lima: An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale rocked the Peruvian coast, leaving at least three dead and causing many of Lima's eight million people to flee from their homes. *(AFP)*



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LIBBY PURVES

It is open season on psychotherapists again, but they *cannot* be particularly surprised. Next to High Street banks, they are the favourite targets of present-day chattering Britain: sacred cows with barely time to get *their garlands straight* before the next hail of rotten tomatoes. If it isn't Fay Weldon accusing them of being failed novelists, or shock claims that half of them will have *their hand up your skirt* before you can say Carl Jung, then it is attacks like last week's from an Australian researcher in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*. And as if enemies *weren't enough*, the profession has to put up with supporters like Barry Manilow (ten years in therapy) saying things like "*I don't* know how people get by without it. I mean, if you don't do it, you turn into your mother, right?" Aaaagh.

It is very British to have doubts. Psychotherapy is against all our proudest island traditions. We are suspicious of self-obsessed people and silly jargon. We admire stoicism, and think "mustn't grumble" is a sensible thing to say. Or we are romantics who read Shelley and do not want some banal Disneyland philosophy to smooth out the gnarls and twists of our aesthetically pleasing unhappiness.

The best image of British emotional life is either Keats, dying of consumption and unrequited love with a nightingale in the background, or perhaps Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, limping along doggedly with his toes falling off. And our best horror story is Trilby, in which a nice, albeit tone-deaf English girl falls under the hypnotic mittel-European stare of Svengali and starts to sing beautifully. The beast! If the price of harmony with our emotions is to be managed by the glittering eye of some dodgy foreigner with a beard, we cry, then let us remain tuneless! And then, of course, there is the very understandable primitive terror of turning into Woody Allen.

I used to feel this way myself. And certainly some psychiatrists do need seeing off with pitchforks. I am half tempted to join the fun now, trotting out the joke about how many therapists it takes to change a light bulb (one, but the bulb's really gotta want to change). But a line in the new report raised my hackles and resolved me on a rash, desperate course of self-revelation instead. Here we go.

What I stick at is the claim it made that psychotherapy is not much different from talking to a sympathetic friend. "Little more than a shoulder to cry on", echoed another critic. Wrong. Going to a *therapist is nothing at all* like talking to a friend. I know, because I have done both. I would rather not have admitted to the therapy (short-term as it was) because I prefer my Ran Fiennes image to the Woody Allen one. But after that daft comparison, mere justice demands it. Because at the *moment when controlled, normally* extrovert types suddenly hit the buffers and can't understand why, the main usefulness of therapy is that it is not remotely like talking to *a friend. In fact, one of the best* reasons for going to see a therapist is that you are driving your friends crazy. Friends and therapists are as different as husbands and driving-instructors: and as unlikely to be interchangeable.

For you can talk to your friends *until they are fainting* with boredom, and you will still not have told them what you tell a strange analyst in the first half-hour. Friends do not have the knack of asking the few intrusive, rather annoying basic questions which produce *surprising and violent* insights into how you really feel; or set you thinking unaccustomed thoughts all through the week between. With your friends you are yourself; but with a good therapist you discover a collection of rather *different selves*, which you have quite rightly repressed down the years, but which now demand a brief airing in order *to be* exorcised.

Therapists, with impunity, suggest frightful, unfriendlike but true things about you. Friends — who *are not fools* — may have the same insights, even ruefully confiding them to third parties ("She's always competing with her sister, it's an obsession, it goes back to that terrible father") but they do *not say* them to you: because they like you. Unless they are very tiresome friends indeed, their forte is that they accept you *as an adult* companion and not some inner, *furious child*. A therapist says: "If the way you think and act makes you unhappy, it is possible to change." Friends say: "You are a loony ratbag, you never change, but we *love you all the same.*"

And if friends are not therapists, *nor* are therapists necessarily friends. To read some scare stories you would think that every patient fell helplessly *in love with their* shrink. No doubt a few do. But you don't even have to like them; you don't know them well enough. You can be reasonably trusting, perfectly frank and decently grateful without any Svengali power-play. You have to sing your own tune. Any sceptic — still more any rogue shrink — who gives you the *impression* it is otherwise, definitely needs their light bulb changing.

As the controversy over the national curriculum rages on, Oxford's most famous contemporary heretic reaches for his gun

Is English literature worth teaching?

Is Eagleton a revolutionary — or just a shameless self-publicist?

Two years since Terry Eagleton's appointment as Warton Professor of English Literature at Oxford, *the barbarian has yet to raze* the ancient citadel to the ground. When the man who describes himself as a "shamelessly unreconstructed Marxist" was named as the successor to John Bayley — the epitome of *civilised Oxonian humanism* — the British intellectual establishment braced itself for the worst. But, really, it has not been so bad.

True, Eagleton is still out to *épater les bourgeois* whenever he can. His recent television *profile of Philip Larkin* scandalised the humanist contingent in its refusal to separate the poet from the poetry. He is still the closest thing to the Sex Pistols in British scholarship. Yet the Warton professor as always managed to combine public notoriety as a flashy dissident with an eye for a cosy academic niche.

If anything, his new job, which requires less than 40 *hours of teaching a year*, has reduced his profile within Oxford and given him greater freedom to research the obscure theories which so fascinate him. There is plenty to keep a revolutionary occupied amid the dreaming spires, of course. Eagleton *claims* righteously that Oxford "hasn't even had its bourgeois revolution yet" but it is far from clear what he proposes to do about it from the pleasant vantage-point of St Catherine's College.

The truth is that Oxford has never known quite what to do with its most famous heretic since John Wyclif. In spite of Eagleton's international eminence, the university kept him out of the English faculty board for more than two decades. Though an extremely popular tutor at Wadham, he was moved mysteriously to a non-teaching post at Linacre College some years ago. It was *assumed by many dons that* his promotion to the professorship was the final boot upstairs.

The cult of Eagleton is a peculiar phenomenon and owes a great deal to his aptitude for self-promotion. In 1981, he happily described himself one of "the major Marxist aestheticians of the century", alongside such giants as Marcuse and Sartre. *But vanity is tempered by a* carefully cultivated self-image as a man of the people. You are more likely to spot Eagleton drinking with a college porter in the King's Arms than hob-nobbing at high table.

Indeed, few Oxford dons have been *so popular* with their students. This must have something to do with the appealing regimen which he has tended to offer them ("don't worry about an essay a week. Write when you have something to write about"). But it also reflects a genuine reverence among English undergraduates for the great man. Twenty-seven years after the publication of his first book *The New Left Church*, Eagleton still leads the field in the battle against liberal humanism: his standard primer *Literary Theory* has sold more than 100,000 copies worldwide.

But what does it all add up to? What, for example, does he mean when he claims in his book *Criticism and Ideology* that "A double-articulation GMP/GI-GI/AI/LMP is possible"? And what about the references in his inaugural lecture to "discursive displacement" and "continentality"? Eagleton's academic critics say he is not an original thinker *but an adroit synthesist* who is alarmingly promiscuous in his use of theory to achieve the "strategic goal of human emancipation". Die-hard Marxists are suspicious that his middle-aged interest in feminism and pyschoanalysis *is a sell-out.*

Whatever lies behind all this theory, Oxford seems pretty sanguine. This is partly because a large number of its dons do not take the English faculty too seriously.

How, in any case, can a man who has never worked outside the ancient universities since he won a scholarship to Trinity, Cambridge, seriously claim to be an entryist? Eagleton, *after all*, got *his first* tutorial job at Oxford in 1969; he left the New Left Press long ago. "Indeed, he was recommended to the Warton chair by some of the university's most obvious moderates. So the mystery remains: Oxford's greatest revolutionary — or just one of us?

MATTHEW D'ANCONA

Are cultural standards falling, asks Terry Eagleton

The presumed decline in cultural standards can, of course, be traced back at least as far as Samuel Johnson, and *perhaps to the* Book of Exodus. No doubt the Assyrians worried about the brevity of their adolescents' attention span, and the Phoenicians lost sleep over poor spelling.

We should, I think, give no comfort to those who in the name of a fashionable anti-elitism would ignore real evidence of cultural deprivation; though we should remember that there is no single index of *cultural flourishing or decline*. But the present government's plans for remedying what it sees as the inadequate state of English studies in our schools rest on a drastically mechanistic understanding of the subject, and if implemented will do serious damage to the moral and social development of school students.

If the government goes ahead with its philistine, ill-*informed proposals, it will* produce a generation of grammatically competent children without a creative idea in their heads. We are dealing here with ideologues for whom language is essentially an elocutionary affair, poetry a kind of metrical patriotism, and English literature a semantic Stonehenge. Indeed, one wonders why they don't surrender the teaching of English wholesale *into the hands of the* National Trust.

Grammar and spelling are part of the material groundwork of social communication, and I know of no English schoolteacher who would disagree; but it is one thing to insist on competence in these areas, and *quite another thing* to betray a marked hostility to regional, ethnic, and working-class forms of speech, which can only injure the self-esteem of children who already feel rejected. All bureaucrats fear creativity ... and if we allow *them to succeed, they will* simply clone our children in their own bloodless and boring image.

> One wonders why they don't surrender teaching to the National Trust

English studies in this country emerged at the same moment as so-called mass culture, and fought from the *first a rearguard action against* it. But there is another, somewhat more positive story to tell. We think of deconstruction today as a particular way of talking about texts; but when English first saw the light of day in British academia, it *represented a deconstruction* all in itself. It was the inscription of a certain tentative otherness at the heart of the academic establishment, and that otherness was a question of both class and gender.

English was a popular subject at the time with the ordinary men and women who filled the extra-mural classes up and down the country; but since the university professors of Anglo-Saxon could hardly fill their own classrooms (a defect which I'm sure has been remedied today), these people had hardly anyone to teach them.

This was one reason why university English got started, and one reason why it was so ferociously opposed. It repre*sented a link or hinge* between academia and the common life, which was not much to the taste of the former. As for gender, women made up two-thirds of the Modern Languages school at Cambridge from which Cambridge English *finally evolved, and the* first five years of Oxford English saw 69 women students and only 18 men.

It was clearly a problematic, androgynous, cissy sort of thing to read, and perhaps the greatest act of institutional violence in the entire history of this non-subject was the abrupt repression of this whole gendered dimension of it as soon as the discipline achieved a modicum of respectability.

In post-first world war Cambridge, this inherently deconstructive, dangerously feminised project was recast in *the language of muscularity* and robustness, of the sinewy and the vigorous, of moral maturity and phallocentric fullness, all exemplified in D.H. Lawrence.

It is only in recent decades that the literary repressed has returned with a vengeance — *that* we have begun to register the fact that if literature is centrally concerned with anything, it is not truth or morality but fantasy and desire, and that these perilous forces can no longer be defused by the language of an anodyne romantic idealism, which is never far from the language of male domination.

While others have been busy *drafting their film or science* fiction courses, or exploring Kant and Kristeva, Oxford has been cautiously reconsidering compulsory Anglo-Saxon. It has some historical excuse for its belatedness in these affairs — I mean the fact that for a long time it was not only pre-theoretical, but pre-critical too. Leavis never hit it, let alone Jacques Derrida, judging at least from some circumspect glances I received when I arrived here over 20 years ago from Leavisian Cambridge.

But it is never too late to mend. It is, to begin with, no use perpetuating the illusion that the feminist approach to literature can remain equivalent in status to the study of medieval Welsh. If we do not set literary works in their multiple dimensions of desire, if we fail to attend centrally to the motions of sexual power and the unconscious within them, then we can abandon any pretence that we are attending to the words on the page.

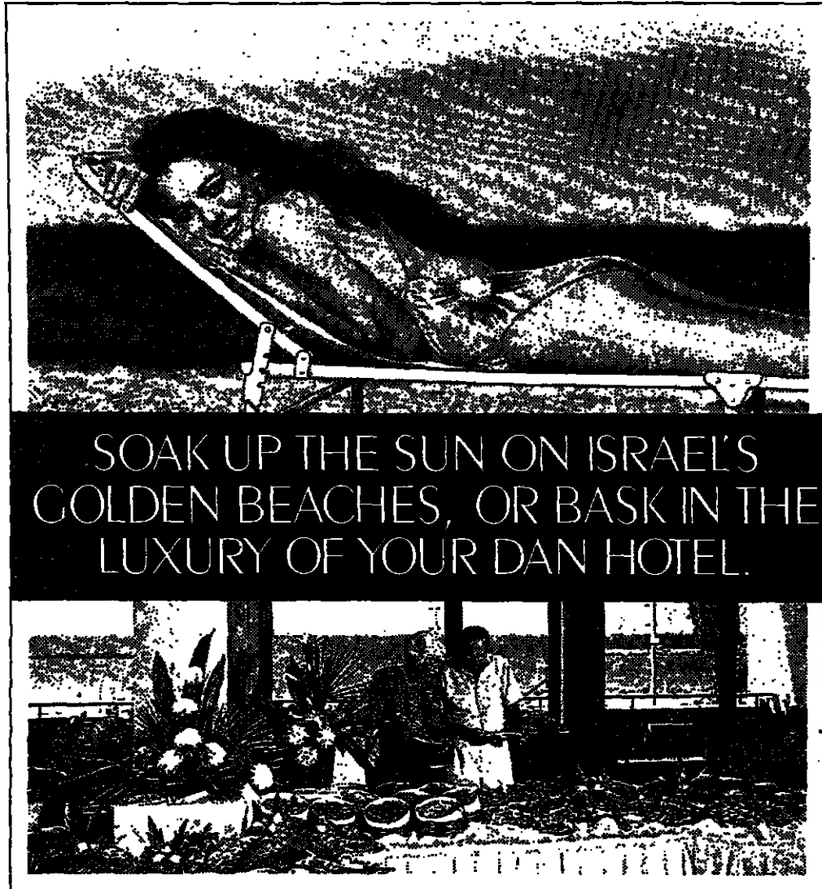
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ROB JUDGES



Sheltering from the academic storms: Terry Eagleton returns to Oxford



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Forty years on, a designer who has remained aloof from fashion fads is as exciting as ever

Miss Jean Muir, in her prime





ABOVE
PALE PINK CASHMERE DRESS, £499, JEAN MUIR FROM HARVEY NICHOLS, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, SW1; LUCIENNE PHILLIPS, 89 KNIGHTSBRIDGE. PALE PINK SUEDE SANDALS, £79.95, RUSSELL & BROMLEY, 24-25 NEW BOND STREET, W1. ULTRA SOFT TIGHTS, £2.99, ARISTOC, AVAILABLE FROM DEPARTMENT STORES NATIONWIDE

LEFT
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The queen of minimalism: Jean Muir

HOTLINE

Watch that space

THE new art director of *Vogue* is Robin Derek. His career began at the street-style magazine *I.D.*, from where he moved to *The Face*. He then spent some time overseas before joining *Arena*. Alexandra Shulman, the editor of *Vogue*, said: "I think he's going to add a whole new dimension to the magazine." All eyes on *Vogue*.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rei Kawakubo, of Comme des Garçons, who has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, presented by France's former minister of culture, Jack Lang, in Paris. The award is given in recognition of artistic achievement.



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

People get the wrong idea about Jean Muir. They hear the name and think, "Old school". Of course, they're not mistaken. Miss Muir's career in the fashion industry does span almost 40 years, but the notion that her work is somehow old hat could not be more wrong.

Having perfected her craft (Miss Muir refers somewhat dismissively to herself as a dressmaker, not a designer) she continues to produce startlingly simple clothes, which are as modern as they come. Indeed, modern enough for Channel 4 to make *Very Jean Muir*, a three-part series about the designer.

The programmes follow Miss Muir working on her spring/summer 1993 collection: a trip which takes her from the drawing board (propped up in bed at home), via factories and outworkers around Great Britain, to the day of her fashion show. It shows the sheer effort involved. "People don't realise the work that goes into doing it well ... it is an extremely exacting trade," she says.

The programme also attempts to show how the designer has dealt with the fast-lane world of fashion. Her work is beyond the dictates of trend and fads, it appears aloof, a constant which is refined and honed season after season. Sir Roy Strong, the art historian, emphasises the point, explaining that people do not attend Miss Muir's shows expecting to be shocked by the new, they expect to see what is new for Jean Muir.

New for spring/summer 1993 are wonderful soft coloured wool crêpes and cashmere, a shock amongst the sea of inky blue and black. "This is the chalk season," Miss Muir says, working with a pack of pastels, mixing the colours until she discovers the hue she is seeking. These sample swatches are then reinterpreted by a computer, and the cloth dyed accordingly. This may take several tries, until the shade is exactly right, but that is what Jean Muir expects — everything to be perfect. The drape of a jersey dress; the button of a jacket worked in silver by silversmith Iain Young (exclusively for Miss Muir); a seam which cuts a leather jacket even closer to the body. Everything is meticulously worked out.



Miss Muir is a very private person, shying away from the fashion pack. She lives in London, with a second home in Northumberland (which, until this film, she kept to herself). Yet she has managed to create a public image which is cartoonesque in character. The look has changed little over the years. Her reddish brown hair, cut into a severe bob by Michael at Michaeljohn, she softens by tucking behind one ear (something she does constantly in conversation). She wears only navy blue (and always has done). "I don't really want to think about clothes," she says without a hint of irony. Around her, rails are filled with dresses, jackets, trousers and more; walls are covered with photographs pulled from glossy magazines, all featuring her designs.

This economic personal style spills over without fuss into her work. Her fashion shows are not about razzmatazz and glitz, bursting with superstar models. It is her tiny Bruton Street showroom which is bursting at the seams, as the fashion cognoscente fight to fit onto a few rows of little gold chairs. A handful of models (who rarely differ from season to season, and include Sacha Parsons, who appears on today's page) walk among the invited guests, occasionally stopping for a moment as an over-zealous fan reaches out to touch the hem of a dress. The action is reverential.

Looking at the clothes Jean Muir creates, it soon becomes apparent that she has a genuine respect for the craft she has so succesfully mastered. Her designs are achingly spare, achieved by clever cutting, and a genuine affection for the technique of making clothes. "I love the mathematics of it," she says.

This season Miss Muir certainly gets her sums right with a collection featuring thoroughly modern carved leather jackets, slashed to flare over the hip, long knitted dresses which are little more than overgrown sweaters, swingy wool crêpe jackets and champagne flute coats which make perfect sense worn as dresses. Continuing her love affair with the long, lean line, she shapes fluid jersey into skinny shafts of black. A new addition is a pure white jersey column dress, touching where it falls.

Jean Muir is the indisputable queen of minimalist chic, and yet her clothes avoid being merely cerebral statements. They are also remarkably sensual. As Claire Atkinson, a favourite salon model of the designer, elucidates: "Her clothes are incredibly sexy, but it's an internal sexiness." With the Jean Muir label sewn inside, one wouldn't expect anything else.

● Very Miss Muir, *Channel 4, Sunday, April 25, 8pm.*

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Matthew Parris



The fastest MP in the House asks not to be told if he has lost his eight-year-old marathon record

Don't tell me because I shall block my ears. Don't show me or I shall shut my eyes. I do not wish to know. Hide from me the results of the London marathon.

It's easy to guess what those results show: that my 1985 record as "fastest MP in the House" has been broken, that this year Doug Henderson (Lab, Newcastle-upon-Tyne North) or Sebastian Coe (C, Falmouth and Camborne), or both of them, have swept it away. But there's a chance, just a chance, that they failed, and the record lives another year. So long as there is a chance then I would rather live with the faint hope, undetermined, of that reprieve, than the grim certainty of sporting oblivion.

Heaven knows I've prayed. I've prayed that a sudden chill strike Mr Henderson in the final week, developing unexpectedly into double pneumonia with complications. Don't believe what you hear about sporting camaraderie. So fervently did I pray that Seb Coe should trip on a kerbstone after 22 miles and shatter his kneecap that reports of his dropping out before the race started, due to injury, have filled me with guilt — as I never really meant it.

I have told myself time and again that Mr Henderson has to take more than 15 minutes off his best London time so far, and that even the serious training he is rumoured to have done this year may not achieve that. I have told myself that being a middle-distance champion does not make a man a marathoner, and Mr Coe was totally relaxed about this and only considered entering for charity — just to jog around the course ... Oh yes, these are the ways I've comforted myself as the race has grown nearer and that aching sense of impending loss has gnawed in the night. But, still, I'd rather not know.

I tried so hard for my record. When it became plain that Margaret Thatcher was not going to make me home secretary, all my energies were diverted into running. The years from 1981 to 1984 nudged my London marathon times down from around three hours to around two and three-quarters, each year faster than the last. In the nine months before April 1985 I trained incessantly, building up from 40 to 90 miles a week, then 100 miles a week through March.

When debate looked like continuing for long, I would nip out of the Transport Bill committee to put in a fast five miles down to Tower Bridge — and back in time for the vote. When they sent me to the Falkland Islands I ran eight miles out of Port Stanley and back, in the sleet, stopping, on the return trip to Britain, to run up the peak of Ascension Island. Once, running home from Westminster in shorts and vest at three in the morning after a late-night sitting, a policeman stopped me on the Wandsworth Road and asked what was up. I said I was an MP running home from Parliament. He said he was Napoleon Bonaparte.

And then the race. It seemed to fly. Aiming for something a shade under two hours 40 minutes, I couldn't believe Big Ben just before the finishing line. A Commons policeman said: "Keep it up, Mr Parris!" And I was too exhausted even to raise my head to acknowledge him.

Two hours 32 minutes 57 seconds! It may not mean much to you, but for me those figures spring more easily to mind even than my date of birth. Of course, looking at it coolly, it's not all that brilliant. Hundreds of runners finished ahead of me; and, besides, though "fastest MP in the House" may sound grand, 650 middle-aged cocktail-snack chompers hardly constitute a competitive field. Still, for me it was good: the best, by ten minutes, I had ever done.

> 'Not for me the game old sportsman hobbling round the course, year after year'

Or ever will. At 35 one has already passed the marathoner's potential peak, which (though contemporary sporting wisdom puts it in the twenties) will one day be shown to lie in adolescence. At 43, now, it should still be possible to beat that time, but only by dint of enormous effort — a year at least, spent in a Herculean training effort ... and then what if one failed?

No. Serious running training is bad for your general health and bad for your joints. Not for me the game old sportsman hobbling round the course, year after year, his times slipping a few more minutes with every year that passes. "Wonderful how he keeps going," the younger lads mutter, but they make their excuses in the pub afterwards as he pulls out some grubby calculations demonstrating that, although he came 467th, he was actually the winner of the category of "veterans over 50 who have run this race each year for the last ten years, from south of the river, with beards".

My own category, the MPs' field, was artificial enough: besides, I'm no longer in it. To retake those laurels I would not only have to lose a year of my life, and five years' mobility in later life, but would have to become an MP again. There are some sacrifices no sportsman should be expected to make. So take it away, Seb, Doug! If not this year, then next. It was great to have, while it lasted.

Peter Riddell considers the government's options after a weekend of criticism

When the Bosnian policy blew up

The British government needs a new policy on Bosnia, fast. And all the signs are that one is on the way. A shift of tactics, if not of strategic objectives, will be announced soon — following a week which has left ministers struggling to keep up with shifting events and public opinion.

When such mainstream Tories as David Howell and Sir Nicholas Bonsor, the chairmen respectively of the foreign affairs and defence select committees, believe that more decisive action should be taken, then it is time for ministers to provide a lead.

It is easy to criticise John Major and Douglas Hurd, as the majority of newspapers and opposition leaders did over the weekend, for being too cautious, for ineffective hand-wringing. Their unenviable position is not assisted by self-righteous moralising. They are severely constrained. But ministers have not been candid enough in admitting these limits. The evasions of diplomatic language have masked the true choices and left ministers looking out-of-touch and insensitive.

The government's predicament is the classic one of being reasonable in a world of unreasonable, and often barbarous, behaviour. There have been broadly three options. The first has been to allow the combatants to fight themselves to a standstill without interefering, as in the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, in the hope that the war will not spread elsewhere. The second has been to supply military support to the Bosnian Muslims. The third has been to alleviate short-term suffering through humanitarian aid, while using diplomatic and political pressures to produce both a ceasefire and a long-term framework for peace. The Vance-Owen plan for guaranteeing the rights of minorities within a looser Bosnian state is still the only half-way acceptable proposal on offer. Western leaders have publicly endorsed the third option, although, in practice, policy has sometimes been nearer the first.

The British approach, shared by the French, including the new foreign minister in Paris, has been handicapped by a continuing clash of good intentions and political realities. Above all, the Bosnian Serbs have believed that the international community lacks the political will to stop the fighting.

A Western priority has been to retain the co-operation of Russia, with its influence over Serbia, and veto at the UN Security Council. This has delayed implementation of sanctions because of concern not to undermine the already shaky position of Boris Yeltsin. There are well-founded fears that Russian arms and volunteers could flood into Serbia.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

A coherent Western policy has also been undermined by the swings of American foreign policy from the initial lack of involvement of James Baker, almost revelling in the discomfiture of the Europeans, to the bellicosity of the Clinton team during the campaign and on taking office. The "education", as it is seen in London, of the Clinton administration towards grudging acceptance of the Vance-Owen plan took several weeks. There has still been muttering from the vice-president, Al Gore, and some National Security Council advisers that the Europeans are to blame for the mess.

Britain has been active in supplying humanitarian aid and in backing the Vance-Owen plan. Lord Owen himself has had no complaints about the support of Mr Major and Mr Hurd, or of other EC leaders. At each stage, Britain has urged caution, warning against fine-sounding gestures, such as the imposition of the no-fly zone, which may achieve little but could endanger the aid effort. That approach has had the backing of most MPs. Labour leaders have confined themselves to small criticisms, and the only dissenters have been Baroness Thatcher, Paddy Ashdown, a few independent-minded Tories such as Patrick Cormack, and some Labour leftwingers.

Worries about the strength of Commons opposition to direct action were expressed at a meeting of the cabinet's defence and overseas policy committee two-and-a-half weeks ago when Malcolm Rifkind and Norman Lamont opposed greater military involvement. However, political opinion changed rapidly last week after events in Srebrenica. Lady Thatcher's interviews articulated the growing unease with existing policies, and may have had as much influence in America as in Britain. Ministers initially tried to brush aside her remarks as wild. But the government underestimated the change of mood, which led to a breaking of the frontbench consensus last Friday when John Smith proposed a tougher line, including an ultimatum to the Serbs.

The shift was reflected in the weekend decision to tighten sanctions in spite of Russian reservations. But the key question is whether to use force. There have been conflicting signals from Washington. Some White House advisers have backed military action. But Colin Powell, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, has, like the British defence staff, been sceptical about whether air strikes would work without a large, and politically unacceptable, commitment of ground forces — although intelligence photographs are now available to permit bombing of, for example, bridges.

The British view remains that any limited military response should not alter the basic aim of securing Serbian support for the Vance-Owen plan. Lord Owen's view that sanctions on their own will not be sufficient, and his backing for internationally agreed air strikes on Serbian supply lines, provide political cover for the adoption of a tougher line both by the government and the Opposition. This would increase the risk of casualties among the British forces, which could easily shift public opinion again.

Air attacks will not stop the fighting. The most they can do is to convince the Serbs of Western political will. The fears of Mr Major and Mr Hurd are soundly based, as Denis Healey warned yesterday. The dilemma for British ministers is the familiar one of seeking to influence Washington privately but acquiescing publicly. With whatever doubts, a new, more interventionist policy is emerging. But the government should not disguise its limits and risks.

He helps us to hate Europe

The prime minister's refusal to hold a referendum on Maastricht will achieve exactly what he does not want

William Rees-Mogg

One of the favourite phrases of apologists for the present government is "with hindsight". It is a phrase which betrays the government's consistent lack of foresight. "With hindsight" they say that joining the exchange-rate mechanism at DM2.95 was a mistake; many people knew it at the time. "With hindsight" they allege that it can now be known that high interest rates turned a recession into a depression; their critics did not hesitate to tell them so before the disaster happened. "With hindsight" it was a blessing, not a disaster, to be forced out of the ERM.

Another piece of hindsight may now be coming up. In a few months' time, or at most a year or two, we may be told that "with hindsight" it can be realised that it would have been better to hold a referendum on Maastricht. "Now we can see", these labile apologists would say, "that we did not gain the wholehearted consent of the British people, that we imposed on them an unpopular measure which they have come to detest. But no one could see it at the time." In fact anyone can see it, and can see the probable consequences. The main party leaders are still opposed to a referendum, but they may be forced to change their policy once again.

The prime minister's determination not to hold a referendum has been bad for Europe, bad for Britain, bad for the Conservative party and could doom the government itself. It is a bitter irony that John Major's pro-European government has already done more than any of Europe's critics, or any previous British government, to make the idea of European unity unpopular in Britain. When Margaret Thatcher was prime minister, the British trusted her to defend Britain's interest in Europe. The Foreign Office thought she did so too robustly, and that a milksop dialect would have produced a better response. She took no notice of that, and the British people backed her. They saw her as the hammer of Brussels, and had the security that anything she would accept, they could accept.

The British do not take the same view of Mr Major. He is seen as a prime minister who always retreats under European pressure, whose "no" is "maybe" and whose "maybe" is "yes". People do not believe that European policy must be acceptable because Mr Major accepts it; they merely shrug their shoulders and assume that the pressure was too great for him to resist. That is what pragmatism means.

A great reversal of opinion on Europe was caused by the ERM fiasco, the lessons of which have neither been admitted nor perhaps understood. Britain joined the European Community because we thought that it would make us richer than we would otherwise be. We were not motivated by Euro-idealism, nor by any instinctive feeling of identity with the Belgians, the Bavarians or the Sicilians. Nor did we wish to build a cosy nest for bureaucrats in Brussels. In our vulgar way, we thought Europe would mean that we would be better off.

The ERM proved to be a short cut to the poorhouse. It took us two years and three million unemployed to find it out, but find it out we did. Now the Germans and the French are finding out, and they are also finding out the hard way. Mr Major's decision as Chancellor to go into the ERM, and his unsuccessful attempt as prime minister to stay in, made Europe unpopular in Britain to a degree that it had never been before.

The Maastricht treaty is the ERM writ large. It is designed to federalise European economic policy and to create a single central bank, a single currency and a single interest rate. The British economy is now in a mild stage of recovery only because we left the ERM. Naturally the government claims credit for this defeat of its policy. The Maastricht treaty is designed to put the whole European economy in an iron maiden with sharper knives even than the ERM.



The torturers will not be democratically elected. Any future British government will merely be an impotent spectator of European economic policy, like a lover weeping outside the cell door as she hears the shrieks of anguish. The opt-outs may delay the complete transfer of power, but the aim of the treaty and its probable effects are apparent from its text.

The government stoutly refuses to consider what would have happened if George Soros — to whom a statue should be erected in Parliament Square, opposite the Treasury — had not forced Britain out of the ERM. For the past six months, British base rates would have had to stay at at least 12 per cent, twice what they are today. There would have been a further collapse of house prices, and much higher unemployment. There would not only have been no recovery, but a further sharp fall in business.

Hands up, those entrepreneurs who would not have been bankrupt, paying interest rates of around 14 per cent on lower sales, out of reduced profits or higher losses. Hands up, those bankers who would still have been solvent, after writing off the entrepreneurs' debts. The Chancellor would not now be facing a £50 billion deficit but perhaps £70 billion or even higher. If the government's policy of staying in the ERM at DM2.95 had been maintained, the British economy would now be in a state of shock and collapse. Yet Maastricht was signed while we were in the ERM, and is the logical continuation of the ERM policy, not of our removal from it.

If John Major had really hated the European Community, detested the idea of it, and been determined to get Britain out at all costs, he might have devised a cunning plan. He might have represented that he was a weakly reasonable man, always outbargained by tougher European operators, by Delors, by Mitterrand, by Kohl. He might have put Britain into the ERM at a plainly non-competitive exchange rate, guaranteed to cause bankruptcy and unemployment. He might have relied on high interest rates to defend an overvalued pound. He might have signed a treaty handing over economic policy-making to a non-elected European central bank that had the power to impose common European interest rates, but had no commitment to full employment or to the prosperity of the British economy. He might have decided to whip this through Parliament. With any luck such a policy could have been expected to make European unity so unpopular in Britain and in other countries that the Community would disintegrate, like all the other schemes of European unity for the past 1,500 years.

Of course Mr Major is not an anti-European mole, but he has been compounding the damage by his obstinate resistance to a referendum. The last election was fought with all three main political parties supporting both the ERM and the Maastricht treaty. So much the worse for their judgment. The ERM is gone, but Maastricht is still held to have a mandate.

Maastricht is a federal treaty for economic policy which transfers powers the House of Commons fought the civil war of the 1640s to defend. If it should be passed without public endorsement, those who forced it through will have no defence when the storms come — as they will come. Nor will the Conservative party remain united. To have split Europe, Britain and his own party would be a remarkable achievement for a prime minister often criticised for being colourless and ineffective.

Howard's end?

CABINET ministers are a little more sensitive these days about who they lunch with, after the rumpus caused by the disclosure that Michael Portillo and Peter Lilley dared to dine with Baroness Thatcher. So with ministers such as Malcolm Rifkind openly derisive last week of Lady Thatcher's contribution to the debate on Bosnia, cabinet colleagues may be surprised to learn where Michael Howard, the environment secretary, spent his Easter holiday.

Howard, seen as a future contender from the right in a Tory leadership contest, was a guest at the Venice home of Alistair McAlpine. It would be putting it mildly to say that Lord McAlpine is no fan of John Major. He has been quoted as saying: "The government is Wilsonian in style. No direction, just catching every ball and throwing it back."

McAlpine, using his experience as treasurer of the Tory party during the Thatcher premiership, is treasurer of the Thatcher Foundation, which has undoubtedly been in receipt of funds which would otherwise have gone to the hard-up Tory party.

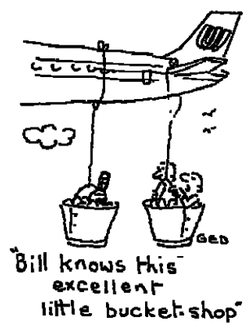
He is also a leading figure in the move to bring the radical American magazine *National Review* to London to fill a perceived policy vacuum in the Tory party. It is not surprising, therefore, that McAlpine is far from popular at Conservative Central Office these days.

Which is why many Tories will be further interested to learn that joining Howard in Venice was Dame Shirley Oxenbury, personal assistant to Sir Norman Fowler and PA to every Tory party chairman since Lord Thorneycroft. It was at McAlpine's Westminster house, of course, that guests at his election night party loudly cheered the defeat in Bath of Chris Patten ... who was Oxenbury's boss at the time.

● *British Telecom has installed Northern Ireland's first bilingual pay-phone instructions. Irish speakers cannot make head or tail of them. BT's translation in the call box at Edencork, Co Tyrone, is in Welsh.*

Low flyers

TRANSATLANTIC airlines boast that their front cabins are so comfortable that businessman arrive fit as fiddles after a "red-eye" overnight flight. But what condition will Frederico Pena, the US transport secretary, be in when he arrives in London this morning from Washington, having travelled overnight in the economy class of United Airlines? Pena will go straight into an all-day meeting with John MacGregor, the transport secretary.



The cost-conscious Clinton administration — attempting to get the deficit down from $4 trillion — will save $2,688 for each seat booked for the party. A spokesman for Pena confirmed that no upgrade had been sought. "But should a good bottle of Cabernet roll back down the aisle from first class on take-off, I'll put my hand out to save it," he says.

Haggis for one

CHRIS HANI, whose funeral is being held today, discovered a taste for an unusual culinary delicacy on his last trip to Britain. Hani, the murdered South African Communist party leader, was special guest at a Burns night supper in honour of the South African Communist party. Far from being fazed by the kilts and bagpipes, Hani was in his element. He devoured generous portions of cock-a-leekie soup and haggis. "Apparently a lot of South African peasant food is not dissimilar," says Brian Filling, from the Anti-Apartheid Movement, who sat next to Hani. But he was not so keen on the whisky. "He did not touch a drop."

Privy council

ONE of Britain's richest men, the Marquess of Cholmondeley, has applied for public money to repair a lavatory for fee-paying visitors to his stately home. Labour councillors will vote against the application for a grant to repair the 19th-century privy when it goes before Tory-controlled King's Lynn and West Norfolk borough council today.

DIARY

Times are obviously hard at Cholmondeley's 18th-century Houghton Hall. Last year the peer provoked an outcry in the art world by planning to auction a Holbein which was saved for the nation, at a cost of £10 million, by the intervention of the National Gallery. And how much is the grant the peer is seeking? £929.

A bridge too far

IS Peter Mandelson, Labour's election expert, losing his touch? Mandelson, architect of the party's red rose image, is running Labour's campaign in the Newbury by-election. With Labour a poor third last time, Mandelson is leaving nothing to chance. So when dozens of vote-Tory posters appeared on a bridge over the A34 into Newbury, Mandelson pounced.

The Tories were reported to the police for breaching the Representation of the People Act by using a public place for party-political advertising. But Mandelson had not done his homework. Not only is the bridge on private property, it is owned by Jim Fairhurst, a ward chairman of Newbury Conservative Association.

Taking the Bull by the horns

Norma Major is taking time off writing a history of Chequers to tackle another subject close to her heart. She is writing a piece for *The Archers*, *fanzine of the soap*. Mrs Major could not refuse. The request came from Hedli Niklaus, who plays Kathy, landlady of The Bull in Ambridge. Mrs Major has *hung on her words* for years.

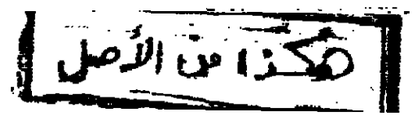


As if that wasn't embarrassing enough, the Labour candidate, Steve Bilcliffe, can hardly have welcomed Mandelson's presence in the first place. When they worked together at Labour party headquarters, according to former colleagues, they couldn't stand the sight of each other.

● *Michael Palin, whose* Around the World in Eighty Days *was so popular on television, has been given an even more daunting challenge. The intrepid explorer has been invited by North Norfolk district council to travel round the county in 48 hours on public transport to demonstrate the marvels of the system.*

Turning circles

THE Association of Wheel-clamping Companies is no more. Not that motorists should get too carried away. Far from being wound up, private wheel-clamping is likely to be extended beyond most major cities. It's just that the association has decided to change its image by changing its name. From now on it will be known as the Association of Parking Enforcement Companies. Ah, should be much more popular with drivers.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Murder charge over body-in-bag

Conor Edward Mur[illegible]ney, 24, a machine [illegible], of Woking, Surrey, [illegible] at Brent magistrates' [illegible] today, charged with [illegible] murder of an unidentified woman who was dismembered and dumped in plastic bags on March 12. [illegible]

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BY FORCE OF ARMS

Serbs will heed only one language, the roar of a bigger gun

There seems to be only one political leader with a clear view of the Bosnian conflict. That is Radovan Karadzic, the ruthless warlord of the Bosnian Serbs. Within hours of the Security Council's anguished decision to toughen its economic sanctions against Serbia, this is how Mr Karadzic responded: "We do not accept it. It is the end of the United Nations as we know them. It is the twilight of the international community. They can do whatever they want. We have to follow our own needs."

The exaggerated language was worthy of Saddam Hussein and every tinpot military dictator before him, but Mr Karadzic's logic was impossible to fault. If the Security Council confines itself to economic sanctions and allows the UN's "peacekeeping" soldiers to be enlisted as subalterns in the Serbian campaign of ethnic cleansing, then "the international community", as comfortably conceived by so many, will indeed be near to extinction. Mr Karadzic's henchmen, and the killers they inspire in other countries, will indeed feel confident in doing whatever they want, wherever they want to around the world.

To judge by the embarrassed mumbles that emanated from western leaders after the UN-supervised surrender of Srebrenica, Mr Karadzic got even his grammar right, by using the present tense, instead of the conditional, to describe the "twilight" of the international community. The civilised world's capitulation in the face of the Serbian onslaught is not just a future possibility, but a present fact — a fact as horrific for the Moslem civilians who naively relied on the UN's protection, as it is exhilarating to Mr Karadzic.

It is either hypocrisy or wishful thinking for the Security Council now to pretend that its proposed economic quarantine, suspended until April 26 so as to soothe Russian sensibilities before Boris Yeltsin's referendum, is tantamount to an eight-day "ultimatum" that will force Mr Karadzic to sign the Vance-Owen peace plan. If the actions of the Serbs after each tightening of the UN "noose" had left any doubt about the ineffectiveness of economic sanctions, then Mr Karadzic's words must surely have settled the issue. The Bosnian Serbs have explicitly said that they care nothing about diplomacy, sanctions and security council resolutions. As Lord Owen himself yesterday suggested, the Bosnian Serbs will heed only one language — the sound of a bigger gun.

The civilised course now is not to prolong the fruitless search for a "peaceful" solution while thousands of innocent people perish under Serbian mortar bombardment. In the days ahead the leaders of the west must finally face up to questions which they should have answered a year ago and which are so much harder now. Will they start military action at once? Will they prepare for the large-scale commitment of arms that may be required to assert Bosnia's statehood, even in the ethnically cantonised form envisaged in the Vance-Owen plan?

With luck, there may still be a chance of breaking the Serbian defiance without having to commit large numbers of European and American ground-troops. But the bombing of military targets alone may not impress the Serbs, unless it is backed up with a forthright commitment to move on to ground warfare if necessary — a commitment that must be credible to ruthless men who have learnt that all threats from the west in the past could be safely ignored.

If America, Britain and Europe do not have the stomach for such a commitment, they have only one alternative. Before thousands more are pointlessly shelled to oblivion, the Moslems should be told the truth: that they have been abandoned and must sue for peace on whatever terms the Serbs choose to dictate, as in Srebrenica. The "international community" can then shuffle off into Mr Karadzic's twilight.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Italy must become a democracy in fact as well as in name

The Italian referendum which ends this morning will not immediately transform the country's political landscape. The search for a new government will be marked by the usual haggling between scandal-stained parties. But even if it contains many familiar faces, Italy's 52nd postwar government will have a clear mandate: to push electoral reform through parliament, filling the power vacuum as best it can and only until elections this autumn are held under new rules. The creation of the second Italian republic will be a confusing business, but at least it can now begin.

Referendums are better suited to doing away with existing laws than putting something new in place. But that does not deprive them of power: in Italy's referendums on abortion and divorce in the 1970s, the people successfully defeated the Church and most of the mainstream political establishment. Far from being an exercise in political nihilism, the present vote has provided Italians with the cathartic opportunity they sorely needed to say to their ruling class: "In the name of God, go."

In a functioning democracy, nothing might seem more normal; but for Italy, this is a shattering change. Under Italy's existing system, general elections could do no more than prompt reshuffles of multiparty coalitions. To be unable to vote a government out of office is effectively to be disenfranchised. This is what Italians are now voting against.

What started, however, as a straightforward rebuke to the old order, has inevitably turned into a more complex affair. There are eight referendum questions, but the most important is the vote on electoral reform. This would abolish Italy's purely proportional system electoral system for the upper house, the Senate. Mario Segni, the former Christian Democrat who symbolises for many the new mood sweeping Italy, sees this vote as a way to drive a wedge into the whole system, forcing the politicians to extend the reform to the lower house, the Chamber of Deputies. But no Italian is naive enough to believe that the main political parties, initially flatly opposed to electoral reform, have become enthusiasts out of a sudden access of moral probity.

A French or British form of majority voting could, ironically, be the salvation of such discredited bastions of the *status quo* as the Christian Democrats, a party which has been reduced to changing its name as a way of seeking refuge from popular disgust. Neofascist and Stalinist parties would suffer, but so might the Greens and such reformist movements as La Rete, founded to campaign against political collusion with organised crime.

These objections are important but secondary. A first-past-the-post system would curb the power of the party bosses, who compiled the lists from which the elected were drawn under a system which allowed as many as 54 members to represent a single constituency. If Italy is to have accountable government, MPs must be individually accountable to their voters.

Initially, the new system could produce a parliament of unsavoury composition: warmed-over communists allied with a Socialist rump, the openly regionalist Northern League and, despite Signor Segni's defection splitting the Catholic vote, a large number of those Christian Democrats who are not in prison. Regional tensions could increase. But Italy would still have taken its first step towards a democracy in which voters have real power.

AGONY AND ECSTASY

Running the marathon is the ultimate sporting achievement

Yet again the streets of London were clogged yesterday. But the cause was not a rail strike, nor a student demonstration, nor even a state visit. It was the attempt by 25,500 men and women to push themselves beyond what they had thought were their physical limits, cheered on by many more thousands of well-wishing Londoners. It was the thirteenth London marathon, an event that has now got into a winning stride.

Unlike other great British sporting occasions, such as Wimbledon or Henley, the London marathon does not owe its success to a long and distinguished history. It was started on a whim as recently as 1980 by the former Olympic gold medal winner, Chris Brasher. But already it has overtaken its competitors to become the best in the world.

That this year's winner, 34-year-old Eamonn Martin, was British, only added to the euphoria surrounding the event. That his wife had given birth to a son on Thursday was an added cause for celebration. That a shoe company had refused him sponsorship because he was "too old" must have lifted the hearts of anyone over 30. And he even said that he enjoyed the agonising last few miles, "if you can enjoy pain".

What makes the marathon both so different from, and so much more democratic than, other world-class sporting occasions is not just that many thousands of amateurs can join in. It is this extraordinary pursuit of the conquest of pain, which is ultimately democratic because the competitor who spends four or five hours completing the course suffers just as much, or perhaps more, than the winner.

Even world-beaters are not immune to the pain. Yesterday Liz McColgan, the British competitor who came third, admitted that she found it "very, very hard" to complete the last few miles. "Once your legs go, it is just a question of survival. There was no way I could get back to the front because I had no strength."

Sadly the marathon was marked by the death of one 47-year-old competitor, for whom the strain proved too much. He collapsed and died in hospital. But for most contestants yesterday's marathon was a triumph of hope and determination over physical frailty.

In the marathon, the British tradition of a stiff upper lip is seen at its best. The marathon is a tribute, too, to the notion that taking part is as important as winning. Very few of yesterday's competitors expected to come anywhere near to Mr Martin. But in reaching the finishing line at all, they won. To complete the marathon is the ultimate sporting achievement. For the rest of their lives, yesterday's contestants will treasure the memory of an accomplishment that most human bodies, and spirits, could never hope to match.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The implications of defence cuts

From Baroness Park of Monmouth

Sir, It would be useful to know how many of those who are now urging military action in Yugoslavia have ever raised their voices to oppose or even to delay the rapid attrition of our defence capability, which began with "Options for Change", announced in July 1990.

Too many people saw the peace dividend of the end of the Cold War in terms of a drastic reduction of our armed forces and our defence research. They have coupled this with a touching belief that a public commitment to the United Nations would keep the world peaceful, even though we intended to retain no real resources to implement a peace policy when the going got rough, as it was perfectly clear that it would, not only in Yugoslavia but also in Cambodia and in Africa.

The result is that we have no real options. We are rapidly destroying our capacity to match our political decisions with the military resources to sustain them.

We had already made two important mistakes. The first was to recognise Croatia and Slovenia (though not Bosnia) under pressure from the European Community, though they did not meet our usual criteria for recognition.

The second was to ignore the fact that the *nomenklatura*, the KGB and the defence-industrial complex still hold significant power in Russia and have the power to block reform. They still have plenty of weapons (including a programme for building new nuclear submarines to replace those they have dumped at sea) and still have the power (and, if President Yeltsin falls, the will) to create an unstable and frightening climate in Eastern Europe, in the Caucasus and central Asia and in the Baltic states.

"Options for Change" purported to recognise and to provide for the volatility of the situation in the rapidly disintegrating Soviet Union, and the importance of recognising the need for flexibility to meet unforeseeable situations and of "maintaining effective forces . . . as a key priority". The sentiments are admirable; the pity is that the Treasury cannot read.

Ever since 1990 our forces have been progressively dismantled. No political review has taken place to take account of our possible new Nato commitments, still less the open-ended new commitment to the UN's operational requirements. The single aim has been to save money fast, and, as usual, there appears to have been no assessment of the cost in terms of our political, let alone our moral, influence, both across the Atlantic and in Europe.

Despite the fact that I share in the general concern about the tragic situation in Yugoslavia, I would not have wished in any case to argue for a major military operation there. The war in that country has been going on for several hundred years. It is guerrilla country, where the terrain makes it impossible, even with excellent intelligence, to "take out" artillery without killing civilians and we should be bogged down for ever.

What concerns me deeply is that we have no choice in any case; with every month that passes we are destroying irreplaceable defence resources, without regard to our national interest. I suggest that we must stop and think and cease to tailor all our defence spending, not to our needs but to Mr Lamont's Procrustean box. It is not too late.

Your obedient servant,
PARK of MONMOUTH,
House of Lords.
April 16.

From the Dean of St Paul's

Sir, Baroness Thatcher (reports, April 14, 15) has given voice to the conscience of the nation and, one hopes, to the conscience of Europe. How peace may best be brought to the countries that make up former Yugoslavia and justice done to all who have suffered these ghastly atrocities are matters for strategical experts.

However, it needs no strategical expert to see that if we continue the policy of reducing our armed forces according to the dictates of the Treasury in such a way that even Trooping the Colour at the Queen's birthday parade becomes a matter of severe logistical strain, then how can we hope to play our part in peacekeeping roles under the auspices of the United Nations worldwide?

It little matters under whose flag we serve as long as the peace is kept and justice is done. With reductions in our armed services such as those currently proposed, even non-belligerent peacekeeping roles are going to be in jeopardy. Do not conscience and common sense meet at this point?

Yours faithfully,
ERIC EVANS,
The Deanery, 9 Amen Court, EC4.
April 15.

Bosnia: intervention and boundaries

From Mr Paul Tvrtkovic

Sir, A long-term peace in Europe requires a just solution to the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina. This, in turn, can be founded only on the balance of power in the Balkans, which can be achieved only by the disarmament of the region and, first and foremost, that of Serbia itself.

Since it is highly likely that the Serbs will resist this, the West would be fully justified in getting on with swift military intervention against Serbia. The war waged by Bosnian Serbs would then automatically collapse.

Bosnia-Herzegovina must become an EC/UN protectorate, backed by Nato, for the next 25 years. Internally it should retain its nine historical provinces, which would eradicate the fighting about internal borders. These provinces should be only administered by the respective national groups, without "God-given statehood rights" for any of them.

The Vance-Owen plan is seriously flawed, as is the frequent assertion that there is no alternative to it. It is now up to the Western leaders to put a stop to this carnage, unless they believe that a dangerous bully, Serbia, is more important than peace in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL TVRTKOVIC
(Spokesman for the Government of Bosnia & Herzegovina),
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April 16.

From Dr Clive Christie

Sir, The boundaries of present-day Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia are all unsustainable. Kosovo is clearly destined to break away from Serbia, and conversely the territories of Bosnia and Croatia should be reduced to meet the long-stated aspirations of the Serbs in both these states.

We all know the ethnic complexity of Bosnia and its terrible consequences, but would it not make sense for the United Nations to work towards a settlement which would cede to Serbia some Bosnian and Croatian territory that ran parallel with the Serbian boundary, while ensuring that Serb-occupied promontories reaching into the heart of Bosnia and Croatia must irrevocably be ceded by the Serbs?

Such an arrangement would create boundaries policeable by the UN in the short term and sustainable in the long run.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE CHRISTIE,
University of Hull,
Centre for South-East Asian Studies,
Hull, Humberside.
April 14.

From Mr James Heitz Jackson

Sir, Government outrage at Baroness Thatcher's criticism of Western inactivity over Bosnia seems to be centred largely on the "emotional" nature of her remarks. Lack of emotion is fast becoming lack of principle, and our humanity, credibility and security will suffer commensurately.

Last year you published my letter (August 11) in which I stated that the government's belief in the efficacy of discussion and "pressure", while excluding the possibility of military action, would only convince aggressors that they may, quite literally, get away with murder. The murder continues. It is Lady Thatcher's sense of outrage that is understandable.

Yours faithfully,
J. HEITZ JACKSON,
111 Winchester Street, SW1.
April 14.

From Sir Brian Young

Sir, We may bless or curse the power of television to make every home vividly aware of the horrors of war. But we must surely wonder at the very different influence it is said to have at different times.

Twenty-five years ago images of the Vietnam war apparently persuaded many viewers that it was wrong to project one's countrymen into the internal wars of other countries; now images from Bosnia apparently persuade many that it is would be right to do so. Perhaps both foreign policy and the effects of television are less simple questions than the followers of Lady Thatcher suppose.

Yours truly,
BRIAN YOUNG,
Hill End, Woodhill Avenue,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Judas story

From the Bishop of Durham

Sir, A great deal of indignation has been expressed about Howard Jacobson's *Sorry, Judas* film (letters, April 9). Any claim to its theories being based on sound critical scholarship will not, I believe, stand up. Also, in my opinion this programme, which formed part of a Channel 4 arts series designed to be iconoclastic, was occasionally tasteless and frequently went over the top.

I suspected from early discussions with the film-makers that I and other contributors to the discussion were liable to be set up. The risk seemed worth taking, however, for the sake of meeting the company gathered and for taking forward a growing Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Two things justify this risk for me. First, we Christians have been made more aware of Jewish anger, fear and distress. Secondly, until we can trust one another enough to face the real depths of anger and suspicion on both sides and include that recognition in our acceptance of each other, we cannot take our dialogue forward. Personally, I believe I made valuable contacts through that discussion, which I hope can be followed up. The fact that the valuable parts of the discussion at that meeting were not included in the programme screened is just one of those risks one takes.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DUNELM:,
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Bishop Auckland, co. Durham.

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Privatisation of the prison service

From the General Secretary of the Prison Officers' Association

Sir, There was much to admire in your leader on prison privatisation (April 13), which echoed many criticisms that the Prison Officers' Association has levelled at the government in pursuing a policy that no other European government is prepared to contemplate.

You were right to highlight the dubious means by which private prison operators can conceal fundamental aspects of their business from the public and Parliament. It really isn't good enough to shroud in secrecy a task critical to public safety, particularly when the only reason formally offered for such secrecy is the need to protect the profit margins of anonymous company shareholders.

You were also right to identify the absence of published penalty payments for incompetent escort services by Group 4, a point made more pertinent given the Keystone Cop-style episodes that have already befallen the escort service under the private company. We have been given no idea as to how bad the service has to get before Group 4's contract is reviewed or revoked and we very much hope that it will not take a tragedy before appropriate steps are taken.

Neither has Group 4 exactly covered itself in glory after one year in charge at the Wolds remand prison. Prisoners have complained of levels of violence and drug use far in excess of anything experienced in the state sector. Parliamentary questioning has revealed higher levels of assaults on staff than in state prisons, a catalogue of disturbances and some embarrassing escapes.

In short, the facts about private involvement in the prison service contradict the government's premature eulogies to private prisons and challenge your suggestion that "the prison privatisation programme remains an essentially sound undertaking".

Your remark that "the prison service is abjectly dependent upon the good will of the Prison Officers' Association" alarms me. The POA has consistently demonstrated its good will, not least by working constructively with prison service management to deliver 25 per cent efficiency savings across the service in the last five years. Our submissions to the Woolfe inquiry into the 1990 prison riots were widely applauded for their progressive and constructive content (the government drew heavily upon them when constructing its white paper into the future of the prison service) and we have given every support to the prison service's bid for HMP Manchester, currently under competitive tender.

I recognise that the prison service needs radical change, but I repudiate your suggestions that trade unionism within prisons is an obstacle to change and that change is in any way conditional upon privatisation.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID EVANS,
General Secretary,
Prison Officers' Association,
Cronin House, Edmonton, N9.
April 15.

Teachers and tests

From Mr G. B. Miller

Sir, The decision of teacher unions to boycott the national curriculum tests will not only be extremely damaging to the country's educational system; it will also be a blow to their credibility.

As a grammar school governor and as the chairman of governors of a country primary school over a period of some years, I have seen teachers emerge from the pits of discredit to a stage where they are once again, rightly, regarded as professional people. They have re-won the trust of parents and their children and of governors.

All this will be destroyed if they now return to being sheep led by trade unionists seizing an opportunity to flex their left-wing muscles. Teachers should recognise that professional people do not go on strike, nor do they boycott their employers' instructions unless such instructions are illegal or a threat to safety and life.

Yours sincerely,
G. B. MILLER,
68 Adisham Green, Church Milton,
Sittingbourne, Kent.
April 12.

From Sister M. Josefa

Sir, Seven years ago I argued in vain, with official educational researchers, that the illiteracy level among school-leavers was at least 30 per cent, against a figure of 1 per cent based on returns sent in by schools. Five years later a government psychologist's research revealed a figure of 28 per cent. Last year's tests revealed that 27 per cent of seven-year-olds could not read a simple sentence and 30 per cent could not do simple sums.

Teachers' representatives condemn testing on the grounds that their own personal assessments must be more reliable, and that their time would be better spent in teaching. Am I alone in suspecting that some teachers are afraid that if tests go ahead for 14-year-olds the rest of us might find out just how many of them cannot even read the test papers?

Yours sincerely,
M. JOSEFA,
St Joseph's Workshops,
190 Bag Lane,
Atherton, Greater Manchester.
April 12.

From Mr John Brackenbury

Sir, It is not just the bumbling muddle in introducing the English test for 14-year-olds that has made life difficult. It is the sheer lack of quality in the test itself that seems to me, as a former warden of an 11-18 village college, to be shameful. Compared with the quality that teachers regularly attain in teaching the curriculum to their pupils, the sample test questions and the anthology of English literature on which pupils are tested are pitifully weak.

Teachers will get it right if they are allowed to do so, in spite of the shortcomings of politicians. I believe that the English test is invalid and unreliable; it needs scrapping and to be got right. And it is but one of the tests that John Patten has got wrong.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BRACKENBURY,
33 Scotton Street,
Wye, Ashford, Kent.
April 8.

From Mr Bernard Pardon

Sir, Lord Skidelsky (letter, April 14) misleadingly warns that teachers' boycotts of national curriculum testing will result in more and more parents opting out from state education. "Is that what teachers want?" he asks. No is the answer; but it is what the government wants — and parents know it.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD PARDON,
126 Derby Road,
Draycott, Derbyshire.
April 14.

Safe adventure

From Ms Hilary Bradt

Sir, As an "adventure travel" leader for 14 years (no injuries, no deaths), I was interested to read Bill Frost's article under the dramatic title, "Adventure holiday can mean a trip to disaster" (April 14). Commissioned to write a background piece to accompany the report of the rescue operation in the Caucasus, the only death on an organised adventure holiday he mentioned was caused by a road accident.

On the same page as his article was a report of almost 20 people killed in three months in the British mountains. A similar number died driving their cars over the Easter holiday.

Yes, holidays can be dangerous, bearing out my definition of my role as tour leader: "Giving people the impression that they are having an adventure while making damned sure they don't."

Yours faithfully,
HILARY BRADT,
Grey House (Flat),
Beeches Drive, Farnham Common,
Buckinghamshire.

Smoker to the rescue

From Mr J. A. Davey

Sir, Spare a thought for the one smoker among the Caucasus climbers with a cigarette lighter (report, April 16), who challenged the premise that smoking shortens your life.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. DAVEY,
4 Grand Avenue, Hove, Sussex.

New rule of the road

From Dr Barry Hemphill

Sir, The economic forecasts from government and industry are complicated and often contradictory. Cab activity is a more sensitive reflection of the domestic, tourist and commercial worlds. In affluent times there is feverish activity between the City and the West End, between restaurants and offices. Hailing a cab at the junction of Regent Street and Oxford Street between midday and 3pm on any Friday, excluding Bank holidays, requires patience, fortitude and a degree of optimism.

To establish an attractive alternative economic forecast may I suggest the Cab-o-Meter (COM) index, representing an average of ten readings taken at six-minute intervals at the site mentioned. The index is in inverse proportion to the economic health of the nation and at present stands at 5.2.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY HEMPHILL,
40 Harley Street, W1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 18: The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon for Germany where His Royal Highness will undertake engagements in Frankfurt, Rheindahlen and Monchengladbach. Mr Brian McGrath is in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Lady Victoria Cuthbert at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Dowager Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry, which was held in Durisdeer Kirk, Dumfriesshire, this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 18: The Prince Edward this evening attended a Gala Performance of *Lovely Lady* at the Brigidine School, Kings Road, Windsor, Berkshire.

April 18: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this morning attended the Rugby World Cup Sevens Final, and luncheon, Murrayfield, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Scottish Rugby Union's Closing Dinner at the MacRobert Pavilion, Ingliston, Edinburgh.

CLARENCE HOUSE

April 18: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Dowager Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry which was held in Durisdeer Kirk, Dumfriesshire, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by The Countess of Dalkeith at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Dowager Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry, which was held in Durisdeer Kirk, Dumfriesshire this afternoon.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

April 18: Princess Alexandra was represented by the Lady Mary Mumford at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Dowager Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry which was held in Durisdeer Kirk, Dumfriesshire this afternoon.

Memorial services

Mary Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lady Victoria Cuthbert and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mary Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry held yesterday at Durisdeer Kirk, Dumfriesshire. Princess Margaret was represented by the Countess of Dalkeith and Princess Alexandra by Lady Mary Mumford.

The Rev James W. Scott officiated and gave an address. The Earl of Dalkeith and the Hon David Gilmour, grandsons, read the lessons. The Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway represented the Episcopal Church of Scotland.

Among those present were:

The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, KT, and the Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry (son and daughter-in-law), the Duchess of Northumberland (daugher), Lord and Lady Gilmour of Craigmillar (son-in-law and daughter), the Comte and Comtesse Bernard de Castellane, Lord Damian Montagu Douglas Scott, the Hon Christopher Gilmour and the Hon Mrs David Gilmour (grandchildren).

Richard 7th Earl Fortescue

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Richard 7th Earl Fortescue, will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster at noon on Monday, May 24, 1993. Tickets are not required but those intending to be present are asked to notify: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 24, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, so that appropriate seating arrangements can be made.

Mr Bobby Moore

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Bobby Moore will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Monday, June 28, 1993. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply for tickets, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by not later than June 7 to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 28, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA. Tickets will be posted on June 21. Admission to the service will be by ticket only. All are welcome to apply.

Lord Pennock

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Pennock will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Tuesday, May 25. Tickets are not required but those intending to be present at the service are asked to notify the Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 25, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, so that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made.

Lord Ridley of Liddesdale

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Ridley of Liddesdale will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Wednesday, June 23. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets in writing to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 23, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope by not later than June 1. Tickets will be posted on June 16. Admission to the service will be by ticket only. All are welcome to apply for tickets.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit North Ronaldsay at 11.15 to meet islanders and to view damage and repairs to Sheep Dyke; and will visit Scalloway, Shetland, at 2.40 to meet fish farmers and fishermen from areas affected by the recent oil spill.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the post graduate education centre, Arrowe Park Hospital, Arrowe Park Road, The Wirral, at 10.40; will open the Bayliff Family Health Care Centre, West Derby, Liverpool, at 1.50; and will open the Sue Gill Workplace Nursery, at Knowsley Hey School, Seel Road, Huyton, at 2.40

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will attend a gala ball at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, at 7.25.

Appointment

Mr Peter John Russell to be a full-time chairman of industrial tribunals.

School news

Brentwood School

The Trinity Term begins today. The Choral Society will perform *A Sea Symphony* by Vaughan Williams in Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, May 1, at 7.30pm. CCF Inspection Day will take place on Friday, May 21, and the Inspecting Officer will be Colonel Richard Brook, RRF, Commandant Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park. A Chamber Concert will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, May 25. Half-term is from May 28 until June 6. The Friends of Brentwood School Fete takes place on Saturday, June 19. Girls' School Prize Giving will be held on Wednesday, June 23, in the Dame Coker Hall at 7.00pm, when Mrs J.C. Martin, OBE, will be Guest of Honour. Junior School Prize Giving will take place on Friday, June 25, in the Courage Hall, at 2.15pm, when Mr C.J. Finch, FSVA (OB), Vice Chairman of the Governors, will be the Guest of Honour. Senior School Speech Day will take place on Saturday, June 26. The Preacher for the Commemoration of Holy Trinity Service at noon will be Rev David Urquhart, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Coventry. The Guest of Honour for the Prize Giving in the Courage Hall at 3.00pm will be Sir Robin Day, Kt, BA, MA, (OB). The Promenade Concert will take place at 7.30pm in the Courage Hall. Term ends on Friday, July 2.

Chetham's School of Music

Summer Term starts today. Founder's Day has been rearranged and will now take place on May 28. The Lower School Concert given in aid of Christie Hospital in Manchester will be held on July 7, at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. The Chetham's Symphony Orchestra Concert is on July 8, at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, as part of the Hallé Prom Series. Term ends on July 9, with Speech Day at the Royal Northern College of Music. The speaker will be Priscilla Chadwick, Dean of Educational Development at South Bank University, London.

Collingham, London

The Summer term at Collingham begins today and ends on Friday, June 25. There will be an open evening for parents of the second year sixth form on Thursday, April 22 and an open evening, on university entrance, for parents of the first year sixth form on Thursday, June 17.

Haileybury and Imperial Service College

The Summer Term at Haileybury begins today. M.J. White (Melvill) continues as Head of School, M.A. Ogakgole (Kipling) as Second Head and Joanna Suter (Alban's) becomes Third Head. M.D. Fettes (Lawrence) is Captain of Cricket. Major General T.P. Toyne Sewell, Commandant, RMA Sandhurst, has joined the Council, from which Sir Roger Falk and the Rev Professor Dennis Nineham have retired. The Right Hon Lord Trefgarne has become President of the Haileybury Society. The Summer Concert will be on May 28 and Speech Day on May 29, when the Guest of Honour will be Sir Ian MacLaurin, DL, Chairman of Tesco. The preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Right Rev Ian Harland (OH), Bishop of Carlisle. The Orchestra will give a concert at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 7.30pm on May 11. The Haileybury Society Reunion for those who entered Haileybury in or after 1974 will be on June 5. Term ends on July 3.

Marlborough College

The Summer Term at Marlborough College begins today. Ian Reckless (Prestrute) becomes Senior Prefect. Thomas Leslie (C1) is Captain of Cricket, Philip French (Summerfield) and Francoise Higson (Morris) are Captains of Tennis and Christopher Daniells (Summerfield) and Helen Murray-Wells (New Court) Captains of Athletics. The Junior Scholarship examination will take place between May 10 and May 12. The Rugby match will be at Marlborough on June 30 and July 1. Commemoration weekend in this 150th anniversary year will be July 3 and 4, when the preacher at the Chapel services will be the Visitor, the Most Rev George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury. Exeat is from May 28 to June 2 and term ends on July 4. There will be a gala dinner and dance, The Gala at Court, on July 10 to celebrate 150 years of Marlborough College; details and tickets can be obtained from The Gala at Court Secretary at the College.

Moira House, Eastbourne

Summer Term begins today and ends on Saturday, July 3. Mr Kenneth Hill has retired from the Governing Body. Beverley Green (formerly of Pevensey and Westham Church of England School) and Emma Evans (formerly of Heathfield Church of England Primary School) have been elected the new School Knights. Elected as new School Standard Bearers are Sarah Arnold (The Peak School, Hong Kong), Victoria Ball (Duke of Kent School), Claire Bayley (St Bede's Preparatory School), Samantha Buckley (Akrotiri Primary School), Charlotte Geoghegan (St Andrew's School, Eastbourne), Annabel Heasman (St Andrew's School, Eastbourne), Elizabeth Hill (Ocklynge Junior School, Eastbourne), Nicola Jeffery (Cavendish School, Eastbourne), Phoebe Lee (Sacred Heart School, Wadhurst). The Summer Concerts are on May 14 and 15. The School will once again provide the ballgirls for the Volkswagen Tennis Championships at Devonshire Park from June 12 to 19. Founders' Day is on Saturday, June 19, when the Guest Speaker will be Mr Nigel Waterson, MP, Member of Parliament for Eastbourne. We welcome our Exchange from Lohme, Germany, *from June 10 - 23. The inaugural* Study Expedition to Spain will take place between June 27 and July 5.

St Edmund's College, Ware

Summer Term begins today and ends on Saturday, July 3. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Mgr Andre Lacrampe, Bishop of Pontigny, on Sunday, May 9. Speech Day and Prize-Giving is on Saturday, May 22. The main guest is Mr Michael McCrum, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. The annual cricket fixtures with MCC and the Old Edmundians will be on May 25 and May 16 respectively. The National Catholic Prep/Junior School Athletics Championships will be held on June 13.

The King's School, Canterbury

Summer term begins today. The Annual Choral Concert will take place in the Shirley Hall on Sunday, May 2. King's Week will run from July 1-7. The main play will be Christopher Marlowe's *Dido, Queen of Carthage*. An Open Day will be held on Friday, July 2 (details from the Headmaster's Secretary). On Saturday, July 3, Dr Oliver Ford Davies, OKS will unveil a commemorative plaque to Christopher Marlowe, OKS on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of Marlowe's death. Speech Day is Thursday, July 8, when the Anniversary Preacher will be Professor Patrick Collinson, Regius Professor of Modern History, University of Cambridge.

Wellingborough School

The Trinity term at Wellingborough School begins today and ends with Junior School Speech Day on July 10. The 1st XI match v. MCC is on July 2. Open Day and Old Wellingburian Summer Day is on July 3. The Old Weymouthians' Club annual reunion takes place at Wellingborough this year on May 15. There is also a special reunion for Old Wellingburians of the 1950s on May 22.

Wrekin College

The Summer Term starts today at Wrekin College. Confirmation will be conducted by the Bishop of Shrewsbury on May 2. The MCC match is on May 7 and the Leavers Ball takes place on May 28. The Summer Concert is on June 30 and term ends on July 3 with Speech Day at which the prizes will be presented by Mr John Clare, Education Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*.



Sue Barker is 37 today

Birthdays today

The Earl of Annandale and Hartfell, 52; Mr William Baillie, president, Royal Scottish Academy, 70; the Most Rev Luigi Barbarito, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, 71; Miss Sue Barker, tennis player, 37; Mr Algy Cluff, chairman, Cluff Oil, 53; Mr Tim Curry, actor, 47; Mr Glyn England, chairman, Windcluster, 72; Mr Trevor Francis, footballer, 39; Mr Justice Henry, 62; Dr John Horlock, former vice-chancellor, Open University, 65; Mrs Margo MacDonald, former MP, 49; Mr Dudley Moore, actor and composer, 58; Mr Garfield Morgan, actor, 62; Mr Murray Perahia, pianist, 46; Mr Richard Phelps, pentathlete, 32; Lord Justice Roch, 59; M Michel Roux, chef and restaurateur, 52; Mr Wilf Stevenson, director, British Film Institute, 46; Professor A.W. Wilkinson, paediatrician, 79.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.J. Blandford-Baker and Miss K.L. Askins

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs H.B. Blandford-Baker, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Askins, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

Mr J.P. Bowers and Miss E.A. Bryant

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs F.V.P. Bowers, of Emsworth, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W. Bryant, of Bishops Wharf, York.

Mr D. Coreth and Miss A. Stokes

The engagement is announced between David, son of Count and Countess Maurice Coreth, of Yoxford, Suffolk, and Anna, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Stokes, of Worth Abbey, Sussex.

Mr D.E. Lamb and Miss S.P. Crawford

The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Colin Lamb, of Four Lane Ends, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Philippa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Crawford, of Braughing Friars, Hertfordshire.

Mr G.R. Macfarlane and Miss G.J. Street

The engagement is announced between Glen, son of Mr and Mrs Hamish Macfarlane, of Windermere, and Gail, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy William Street, of Theydon Bois.

Mr T.D. Steele and Miss H. Strong

The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Steele, of Chartham, Kent, and Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lance Strong, of Paddock Wood, Kent.

Mr A.N. Lykiardopoulos and Miss A.M. McN. Heaslip

The engagement is announced between Andrew Nicolas, son of Mr and Mrs Nicolas Lykiardopoulos, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Amanda Mary McNichol, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kester Heaslip, of Killiney, County Dublin.

Mr D.B. Millard and Miss C.L. Webster

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of the late Mr C.P.B. Millard and of Mrs Mary Millard, of Great Bookham, Surrey, and Claire, eldest daughter of Mr John Webster, of Crawley, Sussex, and Mrs Joyce Woods, of Ovington, Norfolk.

Mr M.S. Thornley and Miss V.P.H. Talbot Rice

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Harold Thornley, of Kensington, Johannesburg, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Talbot Rice, of Barnfield House, Cowfold, West Sussex.

Captain M.C. Wilks and Miss V.A.H. Johns

The engagement is announced between Captain Matthew Wilks, Royal Artillery, son of Mr and Mrs John Wilks, of Bath, Avon, and Victoria, elder daughter of Air Marshal and Mrs Richard Johns, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

University news

Southampton

Dr K.E. McLuskie, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Kent at Canterbury, to the Chair of English; Professor P.J. Curran, University College of Swansea, to the Chair of Physical Geography.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: David Ricardo, economist, London, 1772; Herbert Wilcox, film producer, Cork, 1890; Richard Hughes, novelist, Weybridge, Surrey, 1900; Jim Mollison, aviator, Glasgow, 1905.

DEATHS: Robert II, King of Scotland 1371-90, Dundonald, Ayrshire, 1390; Paolo Veronese, painter, Verona, 1588; Thomas Sackville, 1st Earl of Dorset, poet and statesman, London, 1608; Nicholas Saunderson, mathematician, Boxworth, Cambridgeshire, 1739; George Gordon Byron, 6th Baron Byron, poet, Missolonghi, Greece, 1824; Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield, Prime Minister 1868 and 1874-80, London, 1881; Charles Darwin, naturalist, Down, Kent, 1882; Pierre Curie, physicist, Nobel laureate 1903, Paris, 1906; Hugo Winkler, archaeologist, Berlin, 1913; Sir Squire Bancroft, actor-manager, London, 1926; Konrad Adenauer, 1st Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1949-63, Rhondorf, 1967; Daphne du Maurier, novelist, Cornwall, 1989.

Service dinners

Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)

Commander G.P. Ramsey, Commanding Officer HM Ship Monmouth, was the principal guest at a regimental guest night dinner of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) dinner held on Saturday at the Castle, Monmouth. Lieutenant-Colonel M.G. Coulson, Commanding Officer, presided.

London Scottish

Lieutenant-Colonel John McGregor presided at the annual reunion dinner of all ranks of the 1939/45 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of The London Scottish TA held on Saturday at Regimental Headquarters, Horseferry Road.

Marriages

The Hon Hugo Remnant and Miss A.R. Reynolds

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Peter ad Vincula, Tollard Royal, Salisbury, of the Hon Hugo Charles Remnant, youngest son of Lord and Lady Remnant, of Hare Hatch, near Reading, Berkshire, to Miss Annabelle Rachel Reynolds, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.R. Reynolds, of Tollard Royal. The Rev G.B. Bell and the Rev J.W. Ratings officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Eleanor Remnant, Edward Martindale, Hugo Manners and Jack Peck. The Hon Robert James Remnant was best man.

A reception was held at Sandroyd School, Salisbury.

Sir Richard FitzHerbert and Miss C.L. Shuter

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hawkesbury, Gloucestershire, of Sir Richard Ranulph FitzHerbert, son of the late Rev David FitzHerbert and of Mrs FitzHerbert, of Sycamore House, Tissington, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, to Miss Caroline Louise Shuter, daughter of Major and Mrs Patrick Shuter, of Grangefield House, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. The Right Rev W. Llewellyn and the Rev T. Gibson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sarah, Jamie, Polly and Matilda Carr, Alice King, Eliza and Freddy Wright and Freddie Sassoon. Mr Nicholas Fellowes and Mr Hugh Le Fanu were best men.

A reception was held at Chavenage House, Tetbury, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr W.R.M. Cowie and Miss R.H. Carrick-Anderson

The marriage took place on Saturday in Dunblane Cathedral of Mr William Cowie, twin son of Lord and Lady Cowie, to Miss Rosemary Carrick-Anderson, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.C. Carrick-Anderson. The Rev Colin G. McInnosh officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Emma Carrick-Anderson, Miss Debra Headrick and Dr Nina Wanendeya. Mr J.R.L. Cowie was best man.

A reception was held at The Gean House, Alloa.

Mr O.E. Laughton-Scott and Miss J.M.R. de Baer

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Lawrence's, Ecchinswell, near Kingsclere, Hampshire, of Mr Oliver Laughton-Scott, son of of the late Judge Edward Laughton-Scott, QC, and of Lady Russell of Killowen, to Miss Jacqueline de Baer, daughter of Mr P.R. de Baer, of Barnes, and of Mrs Christopher Olding, of Newbury. The Rev Martin Garner officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr Christopher Olding, and Mr Rupert Clarkham was best man.

A reception was held at Sandleford Priory and the honeymoon will be spent in Sri Lanka.

Mr B.P.M.L. Wright and Miss B.S.A. Tufnell

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Hatherop, Gloucestershire, of Mr Benjamin Wright, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.L. Wright, of Maudlin Farm House, Steyning, Sussex, to Miss Belinda Tufnell, daughter of Colonel Greville Tufnell, of Queningtton Court, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and of the late Hon Mrs Anne Tufnell. Canon Peter Jeffries officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma Hawkins, Anthony Hawkins, Georgina Barr and Archie Ward. Mr Michael Silcock was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in South Africa.

Mr J.B. Anderson and Miss S.E. Pilkington

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Kings Walden, Hertfordshire, of Mr James Anderson, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Anderson, of La Goulée, France, to Miss Sarah Pilkington, elder daughter of Sir Thomas and Lady Pilkington, of Kings Walden Bury. Canon Dendle French officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Octavia Gray, Connie Mainwaring-Burton, Rory Millar, Fred Andrews, Jock Bowes Lyon and James Windsor Clive. Mr Michael Lindsell was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr C.J.W. Trower and Miss C.L.F. Salt

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Elsenham, Essex, of Mr Christopher James Walter Trower, third son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Trower, of Stanstead Abbotts, Hertfordshire, to Miss Charlotte Lavinia Frances Salt, youngest daughter of the late Sir Anthony Salt and of Prudence Lady Salt, of Ugley Green, Essex. The Right Rev Morris Maddocks and the Rev Richard Farr officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Sir Patrick Salt, was attended by Edward and Hugo Trower, Henrietta and Venetia Philipps and Emily and Alice Trower. Mr Richard Trower was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.M.F. Fenwick and Miss K.A. Frazer

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 17, 1993, at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, London, of Mr James Fenwick, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Fenwick, of Wolsingham, County Durham, to Miss Katharine Frazer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Frazer, of Chelsea, London. The Rev Derek Watson officiated, assisted by the Rev Leslie Welsh.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Letitia and Arabella Wrigley, Charlotte and Matthew Ramsbotham, William Vaughan, Jemima Middleton and Emily Riggs. Mr Jolyon Fenwick was best man.

A reception was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Nature notes



The white-throat

THE first white-throats are back in the bright green hedgerows. They are very conspicuous when they flutter up into the air singing their scratchy song; but they are also very skillful at slipping along out of sight on the other side of a hedge. Common sandpipers are appearing at the edge of ponds and pools: they fly off close to the water with their wings flickering, or held in a downward bow as they glide. They will nest by upland rivers or lochsides. Swallows are back, sweeping over farmyards with their glittering blue backs and long, forked tails.

Roadside verges are steadily growing whiter. Clumps of greater stitchwort are in flower on the banks, their long green stem like tangled string. White dead-nettle is found everywhere where the land is flatter. Cow parsley is about to open into full flower: it will lie like long ribbons of mist under the hedges. There are lines of blue field speedwell at the edge of the corn, sometimes accompanied by field pansies with their delicate cream and yellow petals. In the woods, yellow archangel is in flower: the leaves are like dead-nettle but much darker, and the flowers have a yellow hood arching over orange lips. DJM

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I shall search for the lost, recover the straggler, bandage the injured, strengthen the sick, love the healthy and strong to play, and give my flock their proper food, says the Lord. - Ezekiel 34 : 16

ADOPTIONS

WILTON - On 28th August 1992 in Singapore to Alice (née Newsam) and Jonathan, a son, Luke Patrick Wetting. Born on 26th August 1992.

BIRTHS

BLAKE - On April 11th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Emma (née Trevor) and David, a son, Rory.

BLAIGSTON-HOUSTON - On April 13th to Lucinda and Dick, a daughter (Leticia Sadhbh Miriam) now at Belfrim.

BUCHARAN - On April 16th, to Brigette (née Danby) and Robin, a daughter, a sister for Angus and Violet.

CALDECOTT - On 18th April, to Sarah (née Gordon Lennox) and Dominic, a son.

CULLIMORE - On April 16th, to Anne (née de Beltissen-Durham) and John, a son, William.

CUSSEN - On March 23rd 1993, to Neil and Amanda (née Herd), a daughter, Laura Charlotte.

HARRISON - On April 1st 1993 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Margot (née Mendoza) and Anthony, a daughter, Ella Louise.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

LYONS-GARMONS - WILLIAMS - On April 19th 1933 Bobby and Joan at Bettws Penpont Church.

DEATHS

BERG - Gertrude (Gerky) formerly of Gerrards Cross on April 15th in Kent, in her 90th year. Funeral April 23rd. Details 0233 850410

BUXTON- HOPKIN - Dr Denis Arthur, peacefully on Easter Sunday at Kinsale, County Cork. Greatly loved by his family and very many friends. Funeral at 11:00am Thursday 22nd April, Holy Redeemer Church, Cheyne Row, Chelsea. Family flowers only to A. France and Son, 48 Lambs Conduit Street, WC1. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

GIBSON - On Tuesday April 14th 1993, suddenly at her home in Hove, Dorothy Margaret, elder daughter of the late John and Mary Gibson, beloved sister of Anne and adored auntie to Jeremy John. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday April 23rd at 11.45 am. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation c/o Hanningtons Funeral Directors Ltd., 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex. tel: (0273) 778733.

GRAHAM - On April 14th 1993, peacefully at the Nuffield Hospital, Wolverhampton, after a long illness, Malcolm aged 91, Dearly loved father of Virginia, Douglas, Alan and Angela and husband of Barbara. Funeral on Thursday April 22 at 11.15 a.m. at The Collegiate Church of St Peter, Wolverhampton, followed by family only cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Wolverhampton Compton Hospice, Shrewsbury Hospice or Macmillan Nurses Fund.

GWILT - On Thursday April 15th peacefully at St.Pauls Hospital, Winchester, Anna (née Brown) of Edinburgh. Beloved wife of the late Leslie Gwilt of Bombay India, much loved mother of Diana & Helen and Grandmother of Arabella, Johnson, Joanna & Lucinda. Private Cremation. Family flowers only. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at St.Peters Church, St. Mary Bourne, nr Andover, Hants at 3.00p.m. on Friday 23rd April 1993. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Archer, 16, Winchester Gardens, Andover, Hants. Enquiries to J.N.O. Steel & Sons 0962 844 044.

HAWKSLEY - On April 14th peacefully at Penscombe, in his 90th year. John Callis Hawksley, C.B.E. M.D. Ph.D. F.R.C.P. Formerly Dean of University College Hospital, London. Husband of the late Dr. Margaret Hawksley and father of Jane, Nick, Tom and Polly. Funeral at East Kennett, near Marlborough, 12 noon Thursday April 22nd.

HOLMES-SMITH On April 15th 1993, peacefully at home, Barbara aged 78 years, dear wife of Dr Alan Holmes-Smith and mother of Neale, Miranda, Piers and Zephyrina. Quaker Meeting for Worship at Macclesfield Crematorium Wednesday April 21st at 3:30pm. Enquiries to J W Brocklehurst & Sons Ltd Tel: 0625 829232.

HUDSON - Kate Jeanette Norman, peacefully in her sleep. Dearly beloved wife of Glyn and mother of John, Wendy and Elaine. Service at Weymouth Crematorium on Thursday April 22 at 11:00am. Flowers may be sent to Grassby Funeral service, 16, Princes Street, Dorchester. Tel: (0305) 262538.

ILLINGWORTH - (née Radford). Winifred Eva on 15th April 1993, peacefully at Cleeve Hill Nursing House, Cheltenham. Opera singer and daughter of late Robert Radford, bass singer. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, London, on Thursday 22nd April at 3 pm. All friends welcome. Flowers to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1.

LEWIS - On 16th April 1993, sadly in London. Carol. Deeply mourned by her mother and father, Zina and Michael, her brother Harold, sister in law Elaine and nieces Sophie, Nina and Claudia and all her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

MATHYS - David of Ewell, Surrey, on Easter Sunday, 11th April 1993, aged 48. Adored husband of Wendy, father of Andrew, Claire and Stuart and son of Pauline and the late Dudley Mathys of Sevenoaks. Private cremation. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Martin Gore Research Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3 6JJ. Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam, on Saturday 15th May at 3 pm.

MIRES - Anatole. On April 15th, An, peacefully. Much loved by her many friends and family. Funeral on Friday April 23rd at St Edward's Church, Sene St, Cambridge. Flowers to Brian Warner, Hartington Grove, Cambridge. All donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care or Friends of Arthur Rank House.

MORRISON-BELL - On April 14th, peacefully after a long illness, in her 89th year, Ruth Evelyn, much loved by her sisters, nephews and nieces. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Tetbury, at 2.15pm on Thursday 22nd April followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Home Farm Trust, Frocester, Stonehouse, Glos. much appreciated. No letters please.

MYLES - Jean Tilsson Donaldson (née Craig), mother of Deirdre and Howard, suddenly at home on April 6th. Cremation at Putney Vale, London SW15, on 22nd April at 1 pm. Enquiries to Frederick Paine, Norbiton.

RIX - On April 15th 1993, Harrie of Sidmouth. Wife of the late Arthur H. Rix. Much loved and admired mother of Michael and Sheelagh (Michelmore). Very dear grandmother of Moira, Jane, Christopher and Aubrey and of her eight great grandchildren. Funeral service at Sidmouth United Reformed Church on Friday April 23rd at 2.00pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Sidmouth United Reformed Church or St. Johns Ambulance Assn., C/o Pothecary's Funeral Service, High Street, Sidmouth.

SEARS - Norman on Thursday 15th April aged 79, peacefully at home in St Margarets, Twickenham, after a short illness. Much loved husband of Eileen and father of Kenneth, Mary, Alan and Peter. Private family cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Whitton Baptist Church, Hounslow Road, Whitton, Twickenham, on Friday 23rd April at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Princess Alice Hospice c/o F.W. Paine, 31 Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NR.

SHELBOURNE - On April 15th at home in Salisbury, Sir Philip Shelbourne. Funeral on Thursday April 22nd at 12.15pm at Salisbury Cathedral. No flowers. Donations, if wished, to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, c/o I.N. Newman Limited, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 1HE. A memorial service will be held in London later.

WILMOT - Charlie, beloved son of the late Sir Robert Wilmot Bt. and Juliet Wilmot, loving brother and friend of Harry and Zoë. Funeral private.

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OBITUARIES

TURGUT OZAL

Turgut Ozal, President of Turkey since 1989, died in an Ankara hospital following a heart attack on April 17 aged 66. He was born at Malatya, Central Anatolia, in 1927.

TURGUT Ozal will be remembered for having made the centre hold at a time when his country was near economic collapse. Like Margaret Thatcher, with whom he liked to be compared, Ozal stamped his name on an era of his country's politics. As prime minister from 1983-89 he led Turkey back from a period of shortage and austerity to what in a few years will be its full integration into the European Community. As president for the past three years, he rescued Turkey from strategic irrelevance after the end of the Cold War by giving logistic support against Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War and by defining a role for his country in the Islamic republics of Central Asia.

Ozal came to challenge some of the Republican virtues of which he was a product. Born four years after Ataturk was chosen as the first Turkish president, the young Ozal was urged on by his school-teaching mother to escape the confines of the small Anatolian town of Malatya. He attended Istanbul Technical University, his generation's breeding-ground for the political right. There, he came under the wing of another engineering student, Suleyman Demirel, who, as prime minister during the 1960s, tried to curtail both the military's influence in politics and the command of the left-leaning state apparatus over economic life.

Ozal's conversion to the free market became complete during a spell at the World Bank in Washington. He had, in effect, fled to America from his job as under-secretary at the State Planning Organisation when the Turkish military removed Demirel from power in 1971. Residence at the centre of an essentially consumer society did not diminish Ozal's own cultural conservativism. He stood, albeit unsuccessfully, as a candidate for a pro-Islamic party in the 1974 general election.

When Demirel returned to power in 1979 at the height of a period of political violence, Ozal helped engineer the famous January 1980 austerity programme intended to restore Turkey's credit with the international community. He went on to administer it alone. In what was seen by some as an act of political betrayal, he did not join his prime minister in the wilderness when Demirel was again overthrown by the military in September 1980. Instead, he served as deputy prime minister with special responsibility for economic policy.

His greatest political opportunity followed swiftly on his resignation in 1982, when he was forced to take responsibility for the collapse of brokerage houses which had been offering impossibly high rates of interest. In the elections of 1983 the military, unwittingly, helped him by banning the old political guard from taking part. Ozal's new Motherland party romped home, easily defeating a party backed by the military.

The Motherland party won by a narrower overall vote but increased its parliamentary majority in the 1987 elections, even after the ban on former politicians was lifted in a close-fought national referendum. By this time Ozal had become the devil the Turkish public knew. He was a man who understood exactly how far to buck the military, then represented in the person of the president and former chief of staff, Kenan Evren. Chiefly, this meant letting the military have their way in the Kurdish southeast of the country. The Kurdish problem remained as intractable as ever under Ozal's watch, even



though he indicated at various times that he understood that more civil liberties could provide a solution.

The Motherland party became an umbrella for a liberal, religious, and nationalist right — the same explosive coalition that had misruled Turkey at various times in the 1970s. Yet Ozal, the technocrat turned politician, proved himself adept at controlling rivals and undermining rebellions. He kept the party squarely under his thumb and gave it strategic direction.

A commercial phenomenon known to Turks by the name of "the prince" became the dominant figure of the Ozal era. He would tend to be a first or second generation Anatolian lad, trained in America then parachuted to the top of a ministry or state-owned bank. The other beneficiaries were those who, according to the Turkish expression, "turned the corner" into the new pockets of Ozal-produced prosperity.

To many observers, the network of patronage and favour which Ozal was adept at establishing represented a high price to pay for the stability he undoubtedly brought to his country. Many Turkish academics voiced their resentment at the influence lost to them forever as the intellectual heirs of the cadres of the Turkish revolution. They complained, with some justice, that Turkey still committed violations of human rights.

Against charges of corruption, Ozal argued that he had destroyed for ever the black market for goods and currency. The worthless Turkish lira became convertible, and where there were once shortages of even the most basic commodities there were now, for those who could afford them, Gucci shoes and Rolex watches. To the liberated consumers of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Turkey was proof that paradise on earth was possible.

A more serious criticism was that Ozal failed, by his own standards, fully to dismantle the state dominance of the economy and that what growth he achieved was secured at the high cost of up to triple figure inflation.

This cost, along with resentment at the power wielded by the Ozal family and its entourage, looked like denying the Motherland party another term of office. After some disappointing mayoral elections in 1989, Ozal resolved to take the soft option of having the parliament elect him the country's president.

Two years later Demirel returned to power. This necessarily reduced Ozal's influence further — the two men frequently clashed over foreign and defence policy. Although he had been elected for a seven-year term, by the time of his death the Ozal era was visibly over. His grip on his own party began to slip and he had started to entertain visions of establishing a new right-wing coalition. His sudden collapse — he had always caused his doctors alarm by being overweight — rescued him from what looked like being a doomed venture.

Ozal is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

JAMES HAYWOOD

James Haywood, MBE, former prison governor and assistant director of prisons, died on April 7 aged 84. He was born on December 28, 1908.

JAMES Haywood — "Colonel Jim" as he was universally known — was responsible for the development of the prison service museum. This museum, situated at the Prison Service College, Newbold Revel, is the only museum of a civil service department to achieve registration with the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Haywood had first become interested in the concept of a museum when he was governor of Shrewsbury Prison in the early 1950s. Renovation work uncovered collectable material and projected him down a path of collecting which was to last the rest of his life. He operated in the manner of the great Victorian amateur collectors, descending upon governors to secure whatever he could. This led first to an exhibition at the centenary of the prison service in 1978; then to the opening of a museum at Leyhill, Gloucestershire in 1982. The museum was moved to Newbold Revel and officially opened in 1992.

James Samuel Haywood was born in Wednesbury, Staffordshire, and was educated at Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall. He took an English degree at Jesus College, Oxford, and went into teaching. This was at a time when the prison service was constantly seeking recruits to work in the borstal system. Haywood was approached and, in 1937, joined as a housemaster at Rochester Borstal.

In 1939 he went to France with the BEF as an officer in the Royal Artillery. In 1940 he was evacuated from Dunkirk. He served later in the war in Sicily and Italy and was mentioned in dispatches.

In 1945 he returned to the prison service at Sherwood Borstal, Nottingham. He was promoted to deputy governor of Camp Hill Borstal on the Isle of Wight in 1947. Further promotion followed with a move as deputy governor of Pentonville Prison. He was quickly given his first command, at Shrewsbury Prison; then in 1951 he moved to Sudbury Prison, and in 1956 he was made principal of the Prison Service College at Wakefield. Thereafter, as an assistant director, he worked first in charge of a group of borstals and then in charge of staff training until his retirement in 1968.

While not a man with an orthodox management approach, Haywood had an ability to bring out the best in people. He encouraged contact with overseas prison services and he instituted the Haywood Cup, an inter-establishment football competition.

After retirement, he continued his overseas work with visits to Ghana and Yugoslavia and organised an international conference at Jesus College in 1973. He remained an active churchman throughout his life. He was awarded the MBE in 1985.

He leaves a widow, Daisy, and two daughters.

FREDDIE GARNER

Frederic Francis Garner, CMG, former British ambassador to Cambodia and Costa Rica, died on April 1 aged 82. He was born on July 9, 1910.

FREDDIE Garner, British Consul in Shanghai at the time of the Japanese invasion in the second world war, was being evacuated to Australia in 1942 when the ship in which he was sailing was torpedoed.

He escaped with his life, only to spend the following three years as a prisoner of war. He was placed "in charge" of the men's camp at Fukushima, Japan, while his wife-to-be, Muriel, a secretary in the British embassy in China before the war, was kept in a women's compound nearby.

Educated at Rugby and Worcester College, Oxford, Garner had joined the consular service in China in 1932, serving first as a so-called student interpreter (in effect, a language trainee) in Peking. He also completed a tour in Canton before moving to Shanghai shortly before the outbreak of the war.

He married in 1946 and was posted to Tangiers in the following year. Thereafter he was to spend his diplomatic career shuttling around the world, between Latin America and the Far East, with brief intervals in Whitehall in between. He was a 1st Secretary in Bogota, 1950-54, and Consul-General in Shanghai, 1954-56, before being made head of the consular department at the Foreign Office in 1956.

Two years later he became ambassador in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, then in 1961 ambassador to Costa Rica in Central America. He retired from the diplomatic service six years later at the age of 57.

The Garners found it hard to settle in this country following a life of continual travel. After selling their Belgravia mews house to an Arab prince, they eventually left England, complaining of the cold, to live in the Rock Hotel, Gibraltar. From there they moved to Jersey in the last decade.

A spruce, immaculately turned-out man who observed the old fashioned courtesies of life, Freddie Garner became a popular figure in St Helier and died there in a local nursing home. His wife predeceased him by two years and he is survived by no close relatives of his own.



Freddie Garner being piped on board HMS *Alert* during its visit to Cambodia, with his naval attaché following.

SIR TORQUHIL MATHESON OF MATHESON

Sir Torquhil Matheson of Matheson, DL, 6th Baronet of Lochalsh, Chief of the Clan Matheson and Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant of Her Majesty's Body Guard, died on April 9 aged 67. He was born on August 15, 1925.

AS CAPTAIN of the Boats at Eton, Torquhil Matheson stroked his eight to victory in the Princess Elizabeth Cup at Henley 50 summers ago, then was plunged into the second world war.

The son of General Sir Torquhil Matheson, Coldstream Guards, who commanded the Guards division towards the end of the first world war, he joined his father's old regiment in the ranks in July 1943. Commissioned in the following March, he crossed the Channel with the 5th Battalion after D-Day, was wounded in the leg during the advance on Enschede, Holland, and found himself in hospital in Bruges.

He followed in his father's footsteps almost literally. Later, when his battalion reached Cologne, he found himself billeted with the same local family who had put up General Matheson 27 years previously.

He remained a professional soldier after the war, serving with the 3rd Battalion 1945-48 in Palestine, where he was mentioned in dispatches. From 1950 to 1953 he was in Libya and Egypt. He later commanded a company at the Mons Officer Cadet School, Aldershot, between 1959 and 1961. But the round of public duties in London, which punctuates the career of all guardsmen, was becoming irksome.

Anxious to return to overseas duty, he volunteered for secondment to the King's African Rifles and was posted to the brigade staff of the present Duke of Norfolk in Kenya. Following the country's independence, however, he became second in command of the 5th Battalion of the Kenya Regiment.

He made full use of his three years in East Africa, as he had during his time in the Near East, travelling widely and befriending local people. While in Palestine, he would ride on a camel into the desert and spend days among the Bedouin tribesmen, trying out his imperfect Arabic.

His energy and taste for adventure were inherited. His forbears had been the Mathesons of Jardine Matheson, the giant Hong Kong trading group, and had also helped develop the Western Highlands and islands of Scotland in the last century. Torquhil Matheson himself, though born in London, had been reared in Scotland and continued to think of the Kyle of Lochalsh as home.

He retired from the Army in 1964 at the end of his Kenya tour and started a second career as a farmer. He personally milked the cows and was carrying out tests on his herd of rare British White cattle on the day he was taken ill and entered hospital.

He maintained his links with the Army, serving with the 4th Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment (TA) in the 1960s. He also became president of the Bath branch of the Old Coldstreamers Association.

Matheson involved himself in the Church and local government, was elected to the council of the Royal Bath and West of England Society and served as chairman of the Frome branch of the National Farmers' Union. He was made a deputy lieutenant of Somerset six years ago.

But among his chief interests since 1977 was his membership of HM Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, founded by Henry VIII. This absorbed a great deal of his time during the last three years, following his appointment as the Body Guard's Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant, which made him responsible for the administration. He commuted to St James's Palace once a week.

He also travelled widely as chief of the clan Matheson, a title which he inherited from a kinsman in 1975. He was planning to visit New Zealand for a clan gathering this summer. A keen military and Scottish Highlands historian, he was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries in 1989. At the time of his death he had nearly completed an updated history of his clan.

He belonged to the Leander Club and did some competitive rowing after the war. But his years of serving abroad did not allow him to fulfil his early promise as an oarsman.

Sir Torquhil Matheson is survived by his wife Serena and by two daughters. The baronetcy and chiefship of the clan both pass to his brother Major Fergus Matheson, also a member of HM Body Guard.



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SLAVE TRADE.

The Order of the Day was read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Slave Trade.

Sir WILLIAM DOLBEN *in the Chair.*

Mr *Wilberforce* opened this important business in a speech which lasted from five o'clock until past nine . . .

This trade, he insisted, was too long a disgrace to Great Britain——it was a mockery of the spirit of our constitution to permit the subjects of this country, under pretence of trade, to stop the current of justice, and make its administration become an instrument of enslaving so many thousands of our fellow creatures. Every kind of fraud that the wickedness of ingenuity could invent——every species of treachery that a bad heart could conceive, were practised by the British Slave Merchants to get hold of these unfortunate people, and make them slaves for life. In short, the system was so diabolical——so contrary to the renown——so remote from the glory, and so repugnant to the honour of this kingdom, that mankind were astonished how we have permitted it so long to exist . . .

On such a subject as the abolition of this pernicious, unjustifiable traffic, there ought to be but one mind, and one voice, for it obstructed the course of civilization, and stopped the current of general justice.

The manner of crowding these unfortunate people together, was another point which showed what little compassion pervaded the breasts of those employed in kidnapping them and transporting them to the West Indies; and if the House of Commons could but for one moment behold the dreadful situation of these unfortunate, but innocent people, when on board a kidnapping vessel, no other evidence would be wanting——no other argument become requisite to induce one general consent for the total abolition of this iniquitous trade. Gentlemen would at once say, "this trade is too bad——too bad indeed"——and too bad it surely must be when the unfortunate captives, if they can seize the opportunity as sometimes is the case, throw themselves overboard, and, when in the agonies of death, they lift up their hands in triumph, and bless their God that they have escaped the cruelties of a West India Bondage.——A Captain Knox, it is true, said that they slept in comfort on board; but, good God, what was that comfort?——they had just room to lie on their back chained together!——A vessel of 120 tons, however, carried 333 slaves, and taking the proper admeasurement, it was certain they must have lain one on top of the other——and yet some of the slave captains thought this *tolerable comfort*. And so it might be in his opinion, when he thought it but a harmless matter to hold a burning coal to a slave's mouth to make him eat. This was harmless, because it was thought that the poor wretch was either sulky or mad, and that it was proper to offer his mouth a hot coal in order to prove whether he liked that or a yam best——not out of humanity, but for fear the Captain should lose him by death, and thereby have to debit profit and loss for his value. The man, it was true, preferred the yam, and afterwards sold for 40*l*.

ON THIS DAY

April 19 1791

William Wilberforce's motion to introduce a Bill to prevent the importation of slaves into British colonies was defeated 163 to 88. Not until 1807 was the British slave trade abolished.

NEWS

UN troops enter Srebrenica

■ Amid increasing clamour for military intervention in Bosnia, John Major and President Clinton last night considered the option of air strikes but called instead for tougher sanctions.

The urgency was underlined by the plight of Srebrenica. The fate of the Muslim town whose fate rested in the hands of a company of 150 Canadian UN troops armed with only side guns, who arrived yesterday Pages 1, 2, 10, 11

Pakistan government sacked

■ President Ishaq Khan sacked the Pakistan government last night after an intense power struggle with the prime minister, Mian Nawaz Sharif. Elections have been promised within 90 days Pages 1, 12

'Old' man wins

Eamonn Martin, a runner from Essex who was written-off by sponsors as "too old" at 34, won the NutraSweet London Marathon yesterday in his debut at the distance Pages 1, 21, 23, 28

Hani court case

Clive Derby-Lewis, the English-speaking voice of South Africa's Conservative Party, who has been linked to the assassination of Chris Hani, is expected to appear in court today Page 13

Talks delayed

The ninth round of Middle East peace talks due to resume tomorrow in Washington was last night expected to be delayed by at least a week, after objections by the Palestinians Page 13

Police kill gunman

Police shot and killed a man yesterday as he came out of his house firing a shotgun at them after a four-hour siege Page 3

Prison training

Prison officers have been ordered to train staff at Britain's second private jail in the skills needed to control disruptive prisoners and to teach them how to handle serious disturbances including riots Page 4

Services cut

Nearly two-thirds of local authorities are cutting their youth service budgets in spite of the unprecedentedly high level of concern at juvenile crime, according to a survey by the National Youth Agency Page 6

Birds affected

Shetland's bird population may have been much more severely affected by the oil spill from the wreck of the *Bruer* than was previously thought, according to a scientist at Glasgow University Page 9

Vision of change

Across the democratic world, the rediscovery of market economics is being followed by an attempt to rediscover effective government Page 9

Legal challenge

Solicitors are mounting a High Court challenge to police stings in which potential criminals are enticed into committing offences by the lure of parked cars with keys in the ignition or the sight of open lorries full of goods Page 3

King verdict

A night of abnormal calm followed a day of quiet rejoicing in Los Angeles after a jury convicted two white policemen of violating the civil rights of Rodney King, the black motorist Page 12

Ozal dies

Turkey has gone into mourning at the death of Turgut Ozal, the former president, who died on Saturday Pages 12, 19

Resistance grows

Grassroots resistance is growing among Roman Catholics in Britain against allowing Anglican priests to join their church simply because they cannot accept the ordination of women priests Page 4

Noddy goes to Hollywood

Noddy, the children's book character created by Enid Blyton, is set to sign a major deal with Hollywood. The BBC revealed yesterday that discussions are underway with film companies in the United States and France to turn Noddy's adventures in Toy Town into a full length feature film using puppets filmed in stop-frame animation Page 3



Runway wreck: a burnt plane lies on the tarmac at Hanamaki airport, Japan, after it split in three on landing yesterday

BUSINESS

On the ropes: Jacques Attali said the Britain had been kept informed on how money was being spent on the lavish City headquarters of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Page 40

Air wars: Federico Pena, the aggressive transportation chief in the Clinton administration, meets John MacGregor, the transport secretary later today to demand more access to Heathrow for American airlines Page 40

Jobs saved: A thousand jobs worldwide have been saved this weekend after the Mayflower corporation bought the innovative design group IAD (UK) from the receivers Page 40

SPORT

Football: Arsenal beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 to win the Coca Cola Cup final at Wembley. Aston Villa kept in touch with Manchester United with a 3-1 win over Manchester City Pages 21, 24

Rugby union: England upset all calculations to win the World Cup Sevens title with a 21-17 victory over Australia at Murrayfield. England romped away to a 21-0 lead and managed to hold off an Australian fightback Page 23

Cricket: West Indies took control of the first Test match with Pakistan in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, setting their opponents 370 to win and then capturing three wickets for only 45 Page 22

FEATURES

Prime design: Jean Muir may be regarded as belonging to the "old school" of British fashion designers — after all, her career has spanned almost 40 years — but she continues to produce startlingly simple clothes Page 15

English blast: Professor Terry Eagleton, Oxford's most famous contemporary heretic, has attacked the far-reaching reforms for English teaching unveiled by the National Curriculum Council Page 14

EDUCATION

Other views: Three other education experts give their views on teaching reforms Page 35

ARTS

Regional roulette: Some areas of Britain have no professional theatre at all, while others have well-funded regional centres of excellence. What you get depends on luck Page 31

Fifties flickers: Opera North's new production of Puccini's *La Bohème* is set in the world of Marilyn Monroe, Jackson Pollock and Ava Gardner Page 31

BOOKS

Prize performer: Booker Prize winner Ruth Prawer Jhabvala has published *Poet and Dancer*, her first novel for six years, reviewed by Victoria Glendinning Page 33

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Bianca Jagger was preparing to fly to Tuzla in the hope of taking a Muslim child, blinded in Srebrenica, to Los Angeles for treatment Page 11



Edouard Balladur, the new conservative prime minister of France, has banned the construction of hypermarkets, a move praised by many Page 12



Kathryn Leng, at 19, has broken more than a century of tradition to become the first woman player for Yorkshire's Bradford cricket league Page 9

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Miró, Miró on the wall

■ The great Catalan artist Joan Miró was born 100 years ago tomorrow, and the city of Barcelona is letting nobody forget it. What can visitors to its centenary exhibition expect to find?

Suing the big corporations

■ Who is to blame for the big costs in mass actions against powerful organisations?

Dishing out the dirt

■ Unable to resist the subject of Attali's Palace, Bernard Levin squelches back into the midden to find snouts are still in the troughs at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

TV LISTINGS

A six-part series on professional sport in America starts with a look at the money and politics behind boxing. *Naked Sport* (Channel 4, 9pm) Page 39

OPINION

By force of arms

The leaders of the West must finally face up to questions which which they should have answered a year ago and which are so much harder now. Will they start military action at once and prepare for the large-scale commitment of arms that may be required to reassert Bosnia's statehood, even in the ethnically cantonised form envisaged in the Vance-Owen plan? Page 17

Power to the people

The creation of the second Italian republic will be a confusing business, but it at least it can now begin Page 17

Agony and ecstasy

In the London marathon, the British tradition of a stiff upper lip is seen at its best ... To complete the marathon is the ultimate sporting achievement Page 17

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The prime minister's determination not to hold a referendum has been bad for Europe, bad for Britain, bad for the Conservative party and could doom the government itself. It is a bitter irony that John Major's pro-European government has already done more than any of Europe's critics, or any previous British government, to make the idea of European unity unpopular in Britain Page 16

MATTHEW PARRIS

Don't tell me because I shall block my ears. Don't show me or I shall shut my eyes ... Hide from me the results of the London marathon. It's easy to guess what those results show: that my 1985 record as "fastest MP in the House" has been broken Page 16

LETTERS

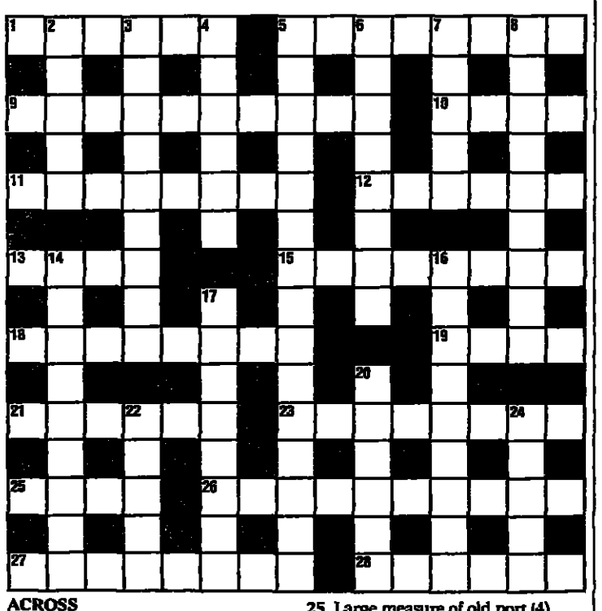
Change in the prison service does not have to be accompanied by privatisation, writes the general secretary of the Prison Officers' Association Page 17

THE PAPERS

Mr Clinton has the authority and the responsibility to lead the European allies in addressing a problem that will not go away. To shun this task is to fail his toughest test

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,208



ACROSS

1 A Dickensian in the box (6)
5 Attempt on records made by Bottom, perhaps (8)
9 Pass in due course required before a student gets loan guarantee (10)
10 Biography provided in the French (4)
11 Gangster divided about the way to the top (8)
12 Excited railway guard (6)
13 City House securing sound return (4)
15 Nevertheless no great leaders emerge from this service (8)
18 One fish or two after starter of grapefruit (8)
19 Near average (4)
21 An extra delivery (2-4)
23 Last opportunity to end deal, I suspect (8)
25 Large measure of old port (4)
26 Elderly relative can benefit from this official hand-out (5-2-3)
27 Ena acted wildly at this afternoon function (3,5)
28 View allowed by peep-hole(6)

DOWN

2 Pythagoras seen in the market place? On the contrary (5)
3 A relation of Münchausen? (4, 5)
4 One consumed by morally unacceptable idea (6)
5 Following wind encouraged drivers to enter the event of course (5-6, 4)
6 Column featuring one in cast (8)
7 Old statesman's endless goodbye (5)
8 Opinion polls point to a support for freer movement (9)
14 Anxiety about contact with Tutankhamen relic, perhaps (9)
16 Directions to doctor to operate, so it seems (9)
17 Weapon left among feuding characters (5, 3)
20 Cover produced by fellow binding books (6)
22 Leading article on Crown (5)
24 Babble from Northern river (5)

Concise Crossword, page 40

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,207 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
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North-east England	743
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WEATHER

The mainland of Scotland and the Western Isles will be cloudy with rain. Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain at times. Northeast England will be generally cloudy with rain, becoming drier. The remainder of England and Wales will be dry and bright or sunny, with some drizzle on southwestern and western coasts. Outlook: warm and sunny in the south and east. Cloudy with rain in the north and west gradually moving east.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	s	Luxor	39	102	s
Alicante	25	77	f	Madrid	18	64	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Majorca	18	64	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Amst'dm	10	50	r	Malta	18	64	f
Athens	18	64	f	Melb'rne	26	79	s
Bahrain	29	84	f	Miami*	28	79	s
Bangkok	35	95	s	Milan	19	66	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	8	46	r
Barcelna	16	61	s	Moscow	9	48	s
Beirut	29	84	s	Munich	11	52	c
Belgrade	14	57	s	Nairobi	23	73	r
Berlin	13	55	c	Naples	18	64	f
Bermuda*	23	73	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	N York*	17	63	s
Borde'x	15	59	c	Nice	16	61	f
Brussels	13	55	c	Oslo	11	52	f
Budapst	16	61	f	Paris	15	59	c
B Aires*	25	77	c	Peking	31	88	s
Cairo	36	100	s	Perth	24	75	c
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	15	59	f
Chicago*	9	48	s	Reykjavik	4	39	c
Ch'church	13	55	s	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	15	59	c	Rio de J	28	82	f
C'phagn	9	48	c	Riyadh	22	90	s
Corfu	17	63	f	Rome	16	61	s
Dublin	13	55	d	Salzburg	8	46	c
Dubrovnik	18	64	s	S F'risco*	14	57	c
Faro	19	66	s	Santiago*	15	59	r
Florence	18	61	s	S Paulo*	25	79	c
Frankfurt	14	57	r	Seoul	21	70	s
Funchal	19	66	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	16	61	s	Stckholm	9	48	c
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Strasb'rg	15	59	c
Helsinki	7	45	f	Sydney	22	72	f
Hong K	21	70	f	Tangier	20	68	s
Innsbruck	12	54	s	Tel Aviv	37	99	s
Istanbul	11	52	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
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Jo'burg*	19	66	f	Toronto*	9	48	c
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	19	66	f
L Palmas	21	70	c	Valencia	20	68	s
La Toquet	10	50	c	Vanc'ver*	13	55	f
Lisbon	20	68	s	Venice	15	59	f
Locarno	19	66	s	Vienna	12	54	f
London	15	59	f	Warsaw	11	52	c
L Angels*	17	63	c	Wash'ton*	15	59	c
Luxembg	11	52	c	Wel'ton	17	63	s
				Zurich	12	54	f

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 51 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, *1,014.4 millibars, steady.* 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Madley, Hereford and Worcester, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Western Isles, 0.23in; highest sunshine: Isle of Man, 8.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.44in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.46in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

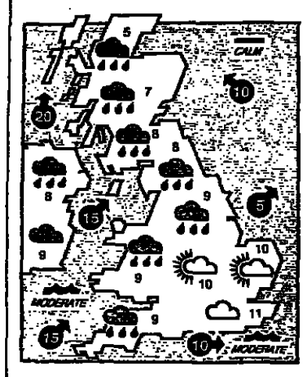
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.1	-	11	52	bright
Anglesey	5.5	0.07	13	55	sunny
Aviemore	4.0	0.02	10	50	shower
Belfast	4.1	0.01	13	55	bright
Birmingham	2.0	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Bognor Regis	2.0	-	15	59	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.8	0.02	16	61	bright
Bristol	2.8	0.02	13	55	bright
Buxton	5.7	0.15	11	52	sunny
Cardiff	-	0.12	11	52	drizzle
Clacton	1.3	0.01	15	59	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	7.1	0.13	14	57	sunny
Cromer	X	-	16	61	cloudy
Edinburgh	6.4	-	12	54	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.2	0.03	9	48	shower
Exmouth	3.5	0.03	16	61	bright
Falmouth	2.9	0.12	15	59	bright
Folkestone	0.3	0.03	13	55	cloudy
Glasgow	7.1	0.01	13	55	shower
Guernsey	0.8	0.13	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	-	0.01	11	52	cloudy
Isle Of Man	8.2	0.02	12	54	sunny
Jersey	-	0.26	11	52	drizzle
Kinloss	8.5	0.02	11	52	bright
Leeds	7.4	-	14	57	bright
Lerwick	8.0	0.13	8	46	hail
Littlehampton	1.5	0.02	13	55	cloudy
Liverpool	7.1	0.04	11	52	rain
London	1.4	0.02	17	63	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.4	-	16	61	cloudy
Manchester	7.1	0.09	13	55	rain
Margate	0.4	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Minehead	1.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Morecambe	7.2	0.08	11	52	sunny
Newcastle	5.5	-	11	52	bright
Newquay	-	0.12	12	54	cloudy
Nottingham	4.8	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	3.0	0.13	14	57	drizzle
Plymouth	0.8	0.04	13	55	cloudy
Poole	2.8	0.02	16	61	cloudy
Salcombe	2.6	0.13	15	59	cloudy
Sandown	3.4	-	14	57	bright
Scilly Isles	0.3	0.04	12	54	fog
Shanklin	2.8	0.01	13	55	bright
Southend	1.8	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Southsea	1.2	0.03	14	57	cloudy
Stornoway	6.6	0.22	9	48	shower
Swanage	4.0	0.01	14	57	sunny
Teignmouth	5.5	0.08	16	61	bright
Tenby	5.7	0.10	15	59	bright
Tiree	4.3	0.05	10	50	shower
Torquay	2.6	-	16	61	bright
Weymouth	2.6	0.01	13	55	bright
Worthing	0.3	0.04	12	54	cloudy

TOURIST RATES

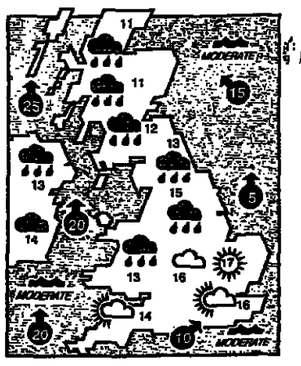
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Australia $	2.23	2.08
Austria Sch	18.50	17.50
Belgium Fr	53.80	49.40
Canada $	2.04	1.86
Denmark Kr	10.08	9.28
Finland Mkk	9.15	8.35
France Fr	8.81	8.11
Germany Dm	2.81	2.41
Greece Dr	349.00	324.00
Hong Kong $	12.45	11.45
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Japan Yen	189.25	170.25
Netherlands Gld	2.905	2.705
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Spain Pta	184.00	171.00
Sweden Kr	12.07	11.27
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.34 pm to 5.27 am
Bristol 8.44 pm to 5.36 am
Edinburgh 8.58 pm to 5.28 am
Manchester 8.47 pm to 5.30 am
Penzance 8.52 pm to 5.51 am

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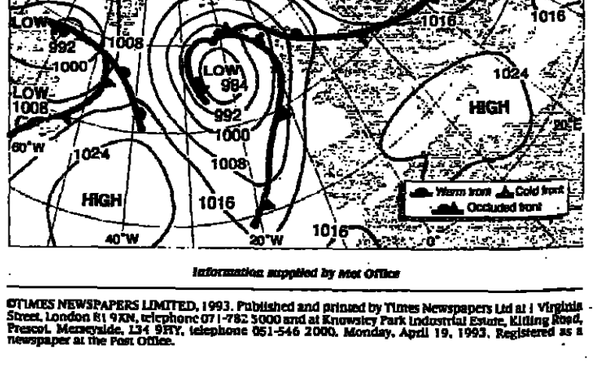
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Goals by Merson and Morrow put paid to Wednesday's hopes in Coca-Cola Cup

Arsenal fizz in cup final triumph

Arsenal 2
Sheffield Wednesday 1

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ARSENAL deservedly came from behind to win the Coca-Cola Cup in a match that started sweetly but ended in blood for Wednesday's Anderson and even more bizarre and hurtfully for Steve Morrow, who scored the winning goal. The 22 year-old, from Belfast, had to be carried off on a stretcher after his captain, Adams, attempted to throw him in the air in celebration.

What a sad sting to an enthralling final. Merson, rather than Morrow, had actually been the true architect of Arsenal's triumph, the scorer of a superb equalising goal, and then the maker of the second. This made him not only the darling of Arsenal, but in the way that he had transcended the sporadic Waddle, he brought some comfort to Graham Taylor.

In the blustery conditions, Wednesday had their unluckiest strike four minutes into the game. From a throw-in on the right, Bright had leapt above Arsenal's tall defenders and with his head flicked the ball down to Warhurst. This player demonstrated the skill that is at the heart of his conversion from defender to centre forward by bringing off one of the most breathtaking high volleys: the ball was almost at shoulder height when he reached up with his right foot and, in a graceful sweep, beat goalkeeper Seaman with a shot which rebounded from the base of a post.

That misfortune was cancelled out in the 11th minute when Wednesday took the lead. From a free kick on the left edge of the penalty box, King, the left back ran over the ball. Sheridan delayed, and then rolled the ball forward and when King crossed the ball low into the goal mouth, O'Leary, playing his 721st game for Arsenal, miskicked his clearance.

It went virtually straight to the American Harkes, who kept his head down to drive the ball with his right foot powerfully along the ground and beat Seaman from 18 yards.

Arsenal are never better than when goaded by adversity. They had surprised us all by including Paul Davis for only his sixth game of the season.

However it was Merson, often occupying the same area of the field as Waddle, who really generated the Gunners and in the nineteenth minute Merson delivered.

It came, like the Wednesday goal, from a free kick, it ended like the Wednesday goal with a right foot finish of pure class. When the ball was headed down to Merson just outside the penalty area he hit across it to induce a kind of swerve that we sometimes mistakenly think in this country is the preserve of Brazilians: the ball obeyed his instruction and beat the diving Woods inside his left-hand post.

And now the vigour of Arsenal was putting Wednesday back on their heels. The ill luck of Warhurst's strike against the post evened itself out in the 27th minute when Campbell, beat Woods with a magnificent left foot shot, but it bounced off the inside of the far post. Three minutes later Waddle did remind us what an arrogant and able provider he can be. His left foot ball through the centre of the Arsenal defence reached Bright with pinpoint accuracy. And though Bright had the presence of mind to outwit Adams' attempt to catch him off-side, his first touch was abysmal. Palmer received the yellow card for pushing Wright to the ground when the Arsenal man had used his speed to get behind Palmer in the fortieth minute, a merited booking.

On the hour, Anderson jumped for the ball with Wright, caught the forward's elbow with his forehead, and fell in a pool of his own blood. This, too, was no malicious incident, but it ended with Anderson's head garlanded with a white bandage that very soon became crimson.

And it was not long after the game had resumed from Anderson's cut that Arsenal produced their winner. Wilson needlessly gave away possession. Merson at once took advantage. He sped down the left, he turned and drove the ball hard and low into the goal mouth. Palmer tried to turn with the ball in front of his own goal, an elementary error, and Morrow reacted quick as a lizard to shoot the loose ball into the net from seven yards.

ARSENAL: D Seaman; D O'Leary, A Linighan, A Adams, N Winterburn, R Parlour, P Davis, S Morrow, P Merson, K Campbell, I Wright.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods; R Nilsson, V Anderson, C Palmer, P King (sub: G Hyde), C Waddle, J Sheridan, D Wilson (sub: D Hirst), J Harkes, P Warhurst, M Bright.
Referee: A Gunn.



Shooting star: Harkes, of Sheffield Wednesday, fires the opening goal in the Coca-Cola Cup final, but Arsenal stormed back to win. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Unlucky Morrow suffers a freak injury

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WHAT should have been the most enjoyable day so far in Stephen Morrow's short football career instead ended in pain and confusion yesterday.

As Arsenal's celebrations following their Coca-Cola Cup victory began in earnest after the final whistle, Morrow, the 22-year-old Irishman whose goal won the cup, left the field on a stretcher with an oxygen mask over his face. He was taken to hospital suffering from a fractured humorous after being dropped by his teammates as they tried to carry him, shoulder-high, around the pitch at the end of the match.

"He is very unlikely to play again this season," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said. "It was just a freak accident," he said. "You can't tell players not to celebrate. The team are all a bit upset." The rest of the Arsenal side collected their winners' medals.

In the Premier League, Aston Villa maintained their title challenge with a victory at home over Manchester City, recovering from a 1-0 deficit at half-time to win 3-1.

"We are muisances aren't we?," the Villa manager, Ron Atkinson, said. "After we drew at home to Coventry last week, everybody was saying that was it — then we went and won at Arsenal. After United won yesterday, they were saying the same again but we keep clinging on in there. We showed great character and great commitment. We kept on battling and straining every last sinew."

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Harriman decides to retire

ANDREW Harriman inspired England to a surprise victory in the Rugby World Cup sevens at Murrayfield and then announced his retirement from top-class rugby. The Harlequins winger, whose dazzling pace lit up England's performances through the three-day tournament, reflected on the frustrations of his erratic career after leading England to a 21-17 win over their old rivals, Australia, in the final.

"I would like to play in the Pilkington Cup final," Harriman said. "My form has been good, but disagreements and work commitments have prevented me playing much. If chosen for the Cup final, that would be my swansong. You have to prioritise. But if the England manager, Geoff Cooke, promised me another cap to go with the one he gave me in 1988, I would play on for another 30 years."

Harriman's try in the final took his tally for the three days to 12 as he lifted his unfancied young side, moulded by Peter Rossborough, the coach, to undreamt of heights.

England had trailed to the three South Sea Island teams and New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, as outsiders for the cup but proved their ability as they picked off New Zealand, South Africa and Fiji before gaining revenge for losing to Australia in the quarter-final section.

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Martin opens a lucrative new chapter

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

EAMONN Martin assumed he knew very little, Liz McColgan thought she knew it all. The difference showed yesterday as Martin became the first Englishman for nine years to win the London Marathon while McColgan, lavishly purchased by the event to promote interest, was a distant third behind the defending champion, Katrin Dörre, of Germany.

Martin read as hard as he trained for the day. Experience had taught him how to win international races at 10,000 metres, and how to see off the field in an English cross-country championship. But the marathon distance was new to him. At 34, he was making his debut and taking nothing for granted.

"I read so many books about great marathon runners; I wanted to learn," Martin said. One in particular made an impression. "I quite liked the one by Jack Foster."

In *Tale of the Ancient Marathoner*, Foster tells how, at 32, he was overweight and out of condition. He took up running and, at 41, won a silver medal for New Zealand in the 1974 Commonwealth Games. Martin too old at 34? Of course he wasn't. Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, set the world's fastest time at 38 and Allister Hutton (a Scot), the last Briton to win London in 1990, was 35.

That Martin's time, 2:10:50, was the slowest winning performance since the inaugural year in 1981 hardly matters. The winds were strong, perhaps the worst for a London Marathon. Martin's studies told him not to worry if he hit a bad patch, or to break for home too early. While in a lead group of four at 14 miles, he felt uncomfortable but, recalling his reading, suffered no sense of panic. "I learned that in a marathon, people can feel bad, then really good."

At 16 miles he felt better and the feeling of well-being never left him. A fast finisher on the track, he had trust in his sprint. When the contest was reduced to two for the last three miles — Martin and the Mexican, Isidro Rico — the only thought in the Englishman's head was to reach Westminster Bridge shoulder to shoulder.

"I knew if it came to a dash for the finish that there was no one in the world who could beat me," Martin said. Sure enough, Martin produced the fastest 200 metres yet seen by a human over Westminster Bridge and it earned him $95,500. There was $55,000 for winning, $4,500 in time bonuses, $20,000 appearance fee and $16,000 from a securities firm which, while the sports kit companies decided he was a poor investment, risked some support. It adds up to more than £62,000.

The shoe companies will come running now. Brooks had offered him a reduced contract from the one which expired on December 31, so he declined to sign but failed to find a replacement. "One firm I negotiated with said he was too old," Mel Batty, his coach and manager, said.

Since shoe sponsors pay handsome bonuses to their athletes who win the big city marathons, Martin has missed out there. But, ironically, it may work in his favour because, as a free agent, he can now sign for a much higher fee than he would have received before winning London. Discussions could start at nearly £50,000.

Martin was up with the early frontrunners, through the first five miles at 2hr 7min pace. The large group began to shrink and, by Tower Bridge, they were down to four: Martin, Rico, Salvatore Bettiol, of Italy, and Gajdus Grzegorz, of Poland. They went through halfway in 64min 05sec and, by now, all Britain's hopes were on Martin. Paul Evans and Steve Brace, Britain's two other main hopes, who were paid twice as much as Martin to compete, were out of touch.

The same went for Andrea Wallace, the Briton who was third last year, in the women's race. It was at Tower Bridge, around 12 miles, that Dörre passed Wallace, already a victim of the fast early pace, to begin her chase for McColgan and Lisa Ondieki up ahead. The Scot and the Australian were engaged in a private duel, building almost a minute's lead on Dörre in the first 10 miles. Ondieki passed halfway in 72min 17sec, holding a 30-metre lead over McColgan. Both would soon discover their error of judgment.

McColgan's intense concentration was obvious. The leader of the wheelchair race went by but McColgan did not give him a glance. At 16 miles, with the gap to McColgan still just a few seconds, Ondieki grew tired of the 10,000-metre world champion dragging on her and slowed appreciably to let her catch up. It can be mentally draining to have half a lead: better to have no lead at all.

Suddenly, Dörre was in the picture. In the sixteenth mile, she closed to within 15sec. Shortly past 17 miles, Dörre hit the front and soon drew away, sprinting away from Ondieki to win in 2:27:09, 18sec ahead of Ondieki.

McColgan, trumpeting beforehand that she was certain she would win, admitted that, tactically, she had got it wrong. "Inexperience let me down, I went out too fast," she said. But she was more experienced than Martin. The new sponsors, NutraSweet, had value for money, though: two fine races won in a sprint.



Double triumph: Dörre wins in London again

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Unhappy Leeds end on winning note

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

A LEAGUE campaign of high expectation and much under-achievement was ended by Leeds on a winning note yesterday against Bradford Northern, in spite of themselves.

The 20-12 victory at Headingley was nowhere near sufficient to give them a top four position and a home draw in next week's first round of the Premiership competition. A visit to Widnes is a prospect they will hardly relish.

For all their resources and money spent, fifth place in the first division is paltry reward for Leeds. Apart from a goal by Irving for Leeds, the first half was notable for the absence of attacking competence by both sides. Scales, a new signing by Leeds, failed with two simple scoring chances in the wet. Twice. Leeds went ahead when Tait outpaced Simpson over 60 yards and a botched interception by Watson bounced kindly for Iro to despatch Fallon to the right corner.

Before he was taken off by stretcher ten minutes from time, Marchant brought Bradford level with two tries, the first from a well-drilled pass by Barraclough. The centre then stepped inside Tait and held off Goodway for a touchdown, but Bradford's defence was breached for Fallon to score his second try.

Leigh could lose their home at Hilton Park but will keep Steve Simms, their Australian coach, for another three seasons, and their playing future at least seems rosy after a splendid 28-26 win at Widnes.

With Simms, who had been interviewed by Castleford for their vacant coaching position next season, remaining at Leigh, the Yorkshire club appear set to sign Bill Gardner, the assistant coach of the Brisbane Broncos, the world champions.

Warrington claimed the last top eight position for the premiership play-offs after a decisive try by Mark Forster withstood a late Salford challenge in a 22-20 win.

FIRST-ROUND DRAW: Bradford Northern v Castleford, St Helens v Halifax; Widnes v Leeds; Wigan v Warrington. Ties to be played on April 23 and 25.

Pakistan's lack of leadership exposed in ruthless fashion

West Indies run away with Test

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK
IN PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

THE first Test match of this cricket series between West Indies and Pakistan was decided, to all intents and purposes, on Saturday, when West Indies were at their best and Pakistan just about at their worst. Yesterday, wickets tumbled again with Friday's frequency, West Indies losing their last seven for 49 runs. Left with 370 to win, Pakistan were 45 for three midway through the third afternoon of what is scheduled as a five-day match.

By 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, 20 wickets had fallen for 267 runs. West Indies had been bowled out for 127, Pakistan for 140. In the 76 overs that remained on Saturday, West Indies scored 333 for three, a rate of well over four runs an over.

In that time Pakistan's cricket lacked all resilience — tactically, technically and temperamentally. They looked for leadership and it was not there. With Waqar pulling nothing like his his weight, and Mushtaq first out of sorts and then out of action, and Wasim bowling too short, West Indies ran away with the smoothing iron.

In pointing to Pakistan's inadequacies on Saturday, one must be careful not to play down the performance of the West Indians. They had bowled and fielded splendidly in taking Pakistan's last eight first-innings wickets for 40 runs, and the batting of Haynes, Richardson and Lara was brilliantly conceived. While Haynes was grafting his first Test hundred for 27 innings and his seventeenth in all, Richardson and then Lara went after the bowling with dazzling strokeplay. Richardson's 68 coming in 72 balls and Lara's 96 in 136.

Yesterday Haynes became the first cricketer to carry his bat through an innings three times in Test cricket. Bill Woodfull, Len Hutton and Bill Lawry all did it twice. Haynes did it against England at the Oval in 1991, and against Pakistan at Karachi in 1986-7. The only other West Indians to have done it even once are Frank Worrell and Conrad Hunte. Haynes, let it be noted, is 37, and keen and fit as ever. He batted for 7hr 40min and gave no chance.

Twice, when playing no stroke, he could very well have been given leg-before by umpire Bird, the first time off the second ball he faced. As so often happens to frustrated sides, Pakistan had allowed themselves to become thoroughly niggled by the umpiring by the time the decisions started to go their way yesterday morning. Even the three wickets they took on Saturday had an element of luck about them, especially the last when Lara was bowled off his calf, offering no stroke to a ball pitched a good two feet outside his off stump.

He is such an idol here that Lara's dismissal with two overs left on Saturday evening is reckoned to have taken 20,000 off yesterday's gate. Certainly the crowd was the smallest of the three days, even with the West Indians so much on top. Taking a new ball straightaway, Wasim and Waqar got round eventually to bowling the fuller length that the pitch demanded. It was to movement off the seam that wickets were most likely to fall and finally did.

In the seventh over of the morning, Bishop, the nightwatchman, was caught at the wicket off Wasim; in the eleventh, Arthurton was leg-before to Wasim, as, in the twelfth, were Hooper and Murray to Waqar. In the seventeenth, Ambrose and Cummins were both leg-before to Wasim and, just before lunch, Walsh was run out. Bird was umpiring at Waqar's end, Bucknor at Wasim's.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Confidence drive: Metcalfe, the Yorkshire batsman, on his way to an unbeaten 133 at Fenner's yesterday

PORT OF SPAIN SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings 127.

Second Innings

D L Haynes not out	143
P V Simmons c Asif b Aamir	22
*R B Richardson c Wasim b Waqar	68
B C Lara b Asif	96
I R Bishop c Moin b Wasim	3
K L T Arthurton lbw b Wasim	1
C L Hooper lbw b Waqar	0
†J R Murray lbw b Waqar	0
C E L Ambrose lbw b Wasim	5
A C Cummins lbw b Wasim	0
C A Walsh run out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 18, nb 17, w 2)	38
Total	382

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-160, 3-3234, 4-342, 5-356, 6-358, 7-358, 8-371, 9-371

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 27-6-75-4; Waqar Younis 23-2-88-3; Ata-ur-Rehman 19-0-82-0, Mushtaq Ahmed 13-1-45-0; Aamir Sohail 5-1-30-1; Asif Mujtaba 10-1-43-1

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamir Sohail c Hooper b Bishop	55
Ramiz Raja lbw b Bishop	9
Inzamam-ul-Haq lbw b Walsh	10
Javed Miandad lbw b Ambrose	20
Basit Ali lbw b Bishop	0
Asif Mujtaba c Lara b Bishop	10
*Wasim Akram c Richardson b Ambrose	2
†Moin Khan c Murray b Ambrose	0
Waqar Younis c Lara b Ambrose	15
Mushtaq Ahmed c Hooper b Bishop	3
Ata-ur-Rehman not out	3
Extras (lb 6, nb 6)	12
Total	140

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-52, 3-100, 4-100, 5-102, 6-104, 7-108, 8-120, 9-136

BOWLING: Ambrose 17-6-34-4 (nb 2); Bishop 15.5-6-43-5 (nb 1); Walsh 7-4-13-1, Cummins 5-0-19-0 (nb 3); Hooper 4-0-25-0.

Second Innings

Aamir Sohail lbw b Walsh	15
Ramiz Raja lbw b Ambrose	11
Inzamam-ul-Haq lbw b Walsh	6
Javed Miandad not out	4
Basit Ali not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 1)	
Total (3 wkts)	45

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-35, 3-45.

Umpires: H D Bird and S U Bucknor.

Batty's spell puts students in spin

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

FENNER'S (second day of three): Cambridge University, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 144 runs behind Yorkshire

THERE is a feeling within the Yorkshire camp that Jeremy Batty is, at 21 turning 22, ready to emerge as an authentic off-spinner. It is too early to say much except that, if one purpose of four-day cricket is to encourage spinners to exploit wearing pitches, the 25 overs he bowled yesterday will be the first of many such sessions this year.

He will bowl a lot better for less impressive figures than five for 36. No one played him with much confidence or adventure after Crawley, who was stumped as he advanced to drive, had been deceived.

With Jones, Crawley had launched the Cambridge innings effectively but, from 61 without loss, eight wickets went down before the close. Broadhurst had bowled just seven balls at the Pavilion End before injuring his ribs and leaving the field, so that Batty was introduced in the sixteenth over. His first four wickets came within 23 balls.

Dismissing Carroll with the last ball before tea and Leppard with the first ball of the final session, Batty hovered on the brink of a hat-trick. Arscott, who denied him then, soon became the fifth victim.

No one will infer too much from Batty's performance, pleasing though it was for him. Neither will Ashley Metcalfe dance across Parker's Piece after making his first century for two years. Metcalfe lost his place as Moxon's opening partner last season and mislaid his confidence, too. Before Richie Richardson arrives at Headingley to claim the No. 3 spot, Metcalfe needs to have made sufficient runs to justify his place.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lendl defeated by unseeded German

IVAN Lendl was beaten in three sets in the final of the Nice Open tennis championship by Marc Goellner, an unseeded German ranked No. 95 in the world, yesterday. It was Goellner's first appearance in the final of a leading tournament.

Lendl gave Goellner a lesson in clay-court craft to claim the first set 6-1, but the German put his powerful service to good use to win the second set 6-4. He then broke Lendl, the world No. 8, in the fifth and seventh games of the deciding set as the American's ground strokes disintegrated, winning 6-2.

Pete Sampras, the new world No. 1, confirmed his status with victory over the man he deposed, Jim Courier, to win the Hong Kong Open championship yesterday. Sampras defeated Courier, a fellow American, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6.

Seahawks swoop

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils, Nottingham Panthers, Murrayfield Racers and Humberside Seahawks will be at Wembley for the tenth and final Heineken championship (Norman de Mesquita writes). The only surprise is the success of the Seahawks, who had not won a play-off game before this season, but they followed Thursday's away win over Whitley Warriors with another away success, against Bracknell Bees, to secure their semi-final place. They will play the Panthers on Saturday afternoon with the Devils and Racers meeting on Friday evening. The Panthers are playing as well as anyone and were impressive in their 11-5 win over the Racers.

Adams exerts authority

BOWLS: Kate Adams, from the Auchinleck club, won the women's world indoor singles title at Guernsey yesterday, beating the favourite, Jayne Roylance, the English champion, 7-0, 7-1, 0-7, 7-3 in a remarkable final. The Scot whitewashed Roylance in the first set and took the second in only three ends, but Roylance found her touch to win the third. In the fourth set, Roylance realised it was not her day when her attacking bowl, which was meant to collect the jack, cut it sideways to give Adams the three shots she needed for victory on the sixth end.

Shootout rivals

HOCKEY: The two favourites for the final of the England women's cup came unstuck in penalty shootouts yesterday. Ipswich lost to Ealing and Sutton Coldfield went down to Leicester (Alix Ramsay writes). Ipswich failed to play like league champions, with their playmaker, Tracey Fry, rounding off a miserable afternoon by hitting the post with a penalty in the shootout. Ealing won the semi-final shootout after securing a 2-2 draw. Leicester went through after a goalless draw, with Kathy Johnson easily mopping up the few attacks Sutton managed to launch.

Burt remains calm

MOTOR RACING: A cool drive under pressure gained Kelvin Burt his second victory of the season in the British Formula Three championship at Brands Hatch yesterday. Burt, driving a Paul Stewart Racing-prepared Reynard car, was outrun at the start by Andre Ribeiro, of Brazil, but the Briton steadily closed on the leader and took advantage on the tenth of the 20 laps. Closing down the main straight, Burt drove around the outside of Ribeiro in a masterly fashion at the 120mph Paddock Hill bend and maintained his lead to the chequered flag.

Winning debut

CYCLING: John Tanner, last week an amateur on the national road squad, yesterday won his first race as a professional for Nielson-Tivoli when he sprinted clear near the finish of the Welwyn Hatfield 100 miles grand prix. Hesitation among his rivals was Tanner's reward for an audacious move, giving him a handful of seconds' advantage which, with the line only 500 yards distant, was sufficient. Mark Walsham, who spent last year racing in the United States, but now without a sponsor, won the sprint for second place from Keith Reynolds, of Banana.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

CASTELGANDOLFO: Rome Masters: Final scores (GB and Ireland unless stated): 281: J van de Velde (Fr), 66, 76, 67, 72; G Turner (NZ), 72, 68, 70, 71; van de Velde won play-off at third extra hole. 282: C Rocca (It), 68, 68, 74, 72. 283: D Basson (SA), 75, 71, 68, 69. 284: D Smyth, 74, 67, 73, 70; F Nobilo (NZ), 68, 73, 70, 73. 285: S Lane, 69, 71, 72, 73. 285: D Gilford, 73, 73, 70, 69; G Orr, 73, 72, 68, 72. 286: A Binaghi (It), 70, 71, 75, 70; P Fowler (Aus), 71, 74, 70, 71; U Zilg (Ger), 76, 67, 71, 72. M Besanceney (Fr), 69, 73, 71, 73. J Robinson, 70, 71, 69, 76. 287: S Grappasonni (It), 69, 75, 73, 70. M Gates, 72, 71, 74, 70; A Hunter, 69, 71, 77, 71; G Ralph, 73, 69, 74, 71. P Mayo, 73, 72, 75, 67; S Luna (Sp), 75, 71, 69, 72; J Mc-Henry, 74, 71, 70, 72; P Curry, 74, 69, 71, 74. D Hospital (Sp), 71, 69, 71, 76. 288: S Torrance, 73, 72, 75, 68. M Lenner (Swe), 74, 70, 72, 72. J Townsend (US), 68, 73, 73, 74; J Payne, 70, 72, 72, 74. 289: P Quinci (Switz), 72, 71, 75, 71. S McAllister, 71, 72, 78, 68; R Winchester, 75, 70, 70, 74; G Brand Jr, 72, 73, 69, 75; G J Brand, 71, 69, 72, 77. 290: J Sewell, 70, 75, 73, 72; S Struver (Ger), 70, 76, 72, 72; M McLean, 72, 72, 73, 73; C Rauleson (US), 74, 72, 73, 71, G Cali (It), 70, 72, 74, 74; R Goosen (SA), 76, 71, 69, 74. M James, 72, 71, 71, 76. 291: B Malley (US), 74, 73, 73, 71. 292: F Lindgren (Swe), 74, 69, 74, 75. P Baker, 71, 72, 73, 76. S Ray (Switz), 76, 71, 74, 71. D A Russell, 72, 69, 72, 79. 293: J Hall, 74, 72, 71, 76; D Clarke, 71, 76, 71, 75; P Way, 72, 71, 73, 77.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT (GB and Ireland unless stated): 1, D Gilford, £145,582; 2, M James, £122,236; 3, C Rocca (It), £115,235; 4, F Nobilo (NZ), £114,803; 5, W Westner (SA), £98,140; 6, N Faldo, £95,325; 7, C Montgomerie, £86,573; 8, J Payne, £79,722; 9, D Basson (SA), £77,679; 10, S Richardson, £71,314; 11, E Romero (Arg), £68,097; 12, G Brand Jr, £68,087; 13, B Lane, £66,145; 14, J van de Velde (Fr), £65,024; 15, S Torrance, £65,009.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: Heritage Classic: Leaders after three rounds (US unless stated): 204: P Azinger, 70, 68, 66; D Frost (SA), 67, 67, 70. D Edwards, 68, 66, 70. 205: J Cook, 69, 67, 69. 206: S Pate, 71, 67, 68; J Mudd, 69, 68, 69. L Wadkins, 66, 70, 70. M McCumber, 68, 68, 70. 207: P Jacobsen, 70, 70, 67. L Nelson, 72, 68, 67. T Kite, 70, 68, 69; B Baker-Finch (Aus), 68, 70, 69; L Janzen, 71, 66, 70; R Fehr, 71, 66, 70; J Sluman, 68, 69, 70; D Pooley, 67, 70, 70. P Stewart, 65, 70, 72. 208: B Langer (Ger), 69, 65, 74, M Standly, 66, 75, 67. 209: H Irwin, 68, 70, 71, W Andrade, 70, 69, 70.

KUMAMOTO, Japan: Men's tournament: Final scores (Japan unless stated): 278: S Kawamata, 68, 70, 68, 70. 279: K Takahashi, 67, 71, 65, 76. 280: Y Yamamoto, 69, 70, 69, 71. E Mizoguchi, 70, 70, 67, 72; T Nishikawa, 66, 71, 67, 75.

SEOUL: Korean open men's tournament: Final scores: 281: Park Nam-sin (S Kor), 69, 69, 73, 70. 282: Yeh Chang-ting (Taiwan), 71, 70, 73, 68. 283: S Taylor (US), 70, 73, 69, 71; Choi Yoon-soo (S Kor), 73, 71, 69, 70; Park Yun-tae (S Kor), 71, 73, 69, 70. 284: B King (Aus), 75, 69, 72, 68; B Watts (US), 70, 70, 74, 70; C Hsieh (Taiwan), 71, 73, 72, 68.

STOCKBRIDGE, Georgia: Atlanta women's tournament: Leaders after three rounds (US unless stated): 212: P Johnson (GB), 72, 72, 68. E King, 72, 67, 73. 213: K Robbins, 70, 77, 66. S Steinhauer, 71, 70, 72. 214: J Stephenson (Aus), 73, 71, 70; S Turner, 76, 67, 71; M McGann, 74, 69, 72. 216: R Jones, 72, 70, 74. 217: J Dickinson, 75, 71, 71; C Walker, 72, 73, 72; E Crosby, 71, 72, 74; K Tschetter, 72, 70, 75. Other British scores: 220: L Davies, 73, 74, 73. 228: C Pierce, 75, 75, 78.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Friday

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Stockport County 2, Reading 2. Third division: Colchester United 3, Gillingham 0.

WORLD CUP: Qualifying rounds: African zone: Second round: Group A: Algeria 1, Ivory Coast 1. Asian zone: First round: Group C: Qatar 4, Singapore 1, Vietnam 1, Indonesia 0.

VICTORY SHIELD: Under-15 international: Scotland 0 Wales 0.

MORECAMBE: English schools festival: United States North 0, Durham 0. Berkshire 2, Nottinghamshire 1; Lanerkshire 2, Lancashire 1; Northamptonshire 0, Essex 1; Cornwall 0, North Yorkshire 3; Hampshire 3, West Yorkshire 1, Merseyside 2, Lincolnshire 1; Shropshire 1, Kent 0; Somerset 1, Hertfordshire 2; Northumberland 1, Avon 1; Isle of Man 1, Morecambe Youth 3; West Midlands 4, United States East 3; Independent Schools 4, South Yorkshire 2, Middlesex 1, Dorset 0; Cumbria 2, Cheshire 2.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Adelaide Crows 15.13 (103) bt Fitzroy 15.12 (102). North Melbourne 19.14 (128) bt Melbourne 14.15 (99), Geelong 18.17 (125) bt Hawthorn 11 13 (79), St Kilda 18.18 (126) bt Collingwood 15 14 (104); Essendon 29 13 (187) bt Sydney Swans 14 11 (95), West Coast Eagles 14 14 (98) bt Brisbane Bears 6 10 (46).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1; New York Mets 3, Cincinnati Reds 1; Montreal Expos 3, Colorado Rockies 2; Houston Astros 7, Florida Marlins 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; San Diego Padres 5, St Louis Cardinals 1; San Francisco Giants 1, Atlanta Braves 0. Saturday: New York Mets 4, Cincinnati Reds 1; Colorado Rockies 9, Montreal Expos 1; Chicago Cubs 6, Philadelphia Phillies 3; Atlanta Braves 2, San Francisco Giants 0; Florida Marlins 9, Houston Astros 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 3, San Diego Padres 2, St Louis Cardinals 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago White Sox 9, Boston Red Sox 4, Cleveland Indians 13, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Detroit Tigers 5, Seattle Mariners 0; New York Yankees 5, Texas Rangers 3; Baltimore Orioles 4, California Angels 1; Minnesota Twins 4, Kansas City Royals 3. Postponed: Milwaukee Brewers v Oakland A's. Saturday: Boston Red Sox 5, Chicago White Sox 1; Minnesota Twins 8, Kansas City Royals 2; Detroit Tigers 20, Seattle Mariners 3; Texas Rangers 9, New York Yankees 0; California Angels 7, Baltimore Orioles 5; Toronto Blue Jays 8, Cleveland Indians 1; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Oakland A's 3.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Munich (pool A): Italy 2, Russia 2. Dortmund (pool B). Germany 6, Norway 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Philadelphia Flyers 5, Hartford Whalers 4; New York Islanders 8, New Jersey Devils 4; Washington Capitals 4, NY Rangers 2.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Championship: Quarter-finals: Billingham Bombers 7, Fife Flyers 6; Bracknell Bees 4, Humberside Seahawks 6; Cardiff Devils 13, Whitley Warriors 6; Nottingham Panthers 11, Murrayfield Racers 5. Promotion/relegation play-offs: Basingstoke Beavers 5, Romford Raiders 3; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 9, Milton Keynes Kings 8; Sheffield Steelers 14, Slough Jets 8; Swindon Wildcats 5, Durham Wasps 10.

BOXING

WASHINGTON: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship (12 rnds, vacant): Steve Robinson (Cardiff) bt John Davison (Newcastle), pts. Northern Area light-welterweight championship (10 rnds, vacant): Paul Charters (North Shields) bt Kevin McKenzie (Hartlepool), rsc 4th rnd. Light (4 rnds): Mickey Hall (Ludworth) drew with J Kelly (Hartlepool). Middle (6 rnds): Davie Johnson (Bolton) bt Mike Phillips (Warrington), pts. Super-middle (6 rnds): Richard Bustin (Norwich) bt Paul Hitch (Wingate), pts. Light-heavy (6 rnds): Terry French (Dunston) bt Simon McDougall (Blackpool), pts.

SACRAMENTO, California: International Boxing Federation junior-featherweight championship (12 rnds): Kennedy McKinney (US, holder) bt Richard Duran (US), pts.

ROME: World Boxing Organisation lightweight championship: Giovanni Parisi (It, holder) bt Michael Ayers (Eng), pts.

LACROSSE

EDINBURGH: Women's International: Scotland 10 (V Houston 3, J O'Connor 2, J Duckett, C Davies, B Warren, J O'Neill, K Barber), Wales 5 (P Carter 3, J Spiers, S Gomm. Other match: Scotland B 3, Wales B 9.

MOTOR CYCLING

SUZUKA: Japanese grand prix: 125cc: 1, D Raudies (Ger), Honda, 42mn 32.095sec (148.892kph); 2, K Sakata (Japan), Honda, 42:34.639; 3, T Tsujimura (Japan), Honda, 42:35.844. 250cc: 1, T Harada (Japan), Yamaha 42.24.209 (157.851kph); 2, T Okada (Japan), Honda, 42:24.864; 3, D Romboni (It), Honda, 42:44.733. 500cc: 1, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 46:12.307 (159.910kph); 2, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 46:12.993; 3, D Beattie (Aus), Honda, 46:12.594; 4, S Itoh (Japan), Honda, 46.14.089; 5, A Crivillé (Sp), Honda, 46:34.230; 6, A Barros (Br), Suzuki, 46:35.126. British positions: 13, N MacKenzie, ROC Yamaha, 47:30.351; 16, S Emmett, Harris Yamaha 47:59.134. World championship leaders (after three rounds): 125cc: 1, Raudies, 75pts, 2, Sakata, 60; 3, Tsujimura, 39. 250cc: 1, Harada, 70pts, 2, N Aoki (Japan), 49; 3, Okada, 49. 500cc: 1, Rainey, 70, 2, Schwantz, 61; 3, Beattie, 49.

LE MANS, France: 24-hour endurance race: 1, W Velle (Fr), A Morillas (Fr) and B Morrison (GB), Kawasaki, 2,985.82km at 136.472kph; 2, A de Puniet (Fr), E Lemasigne (Fr) and M Duhamel (Can), Honda, at 5 laps, 3, B Soulon, M Amalric and J Ferrer (Fr), Honda) at 6.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Friday: First division: Arena Essex 71, Poole 37. Belle Vue 63, Cradley Heath 45. Second division: Oxford 59, Sheffield 49; Edinburgh 64, Long Eaton 44; Peterborough 73, Rye House 35. Saturday: First division: Cradley Heath 56, Arena Essex 52. Bradford 68, Eastbourne 40, Coventry 73, Belle Vue 34, King's Lynn 54, Reading 54. Second division: Swindon 85, Exeter 43.

SURFING

NARRABEEN, New South Wales: World championship tour: Men: Semi-finals: T Holland (US) bt D Maculey (Aus), 29.5-28.5, 2, David (Tahiti) bt M Hoy (Aus), 28.9-28.6 Final: Holland bt David, 26-25.9. Women: Semi-final: K Webb (Aus) bt V Osborne (Aus), 23.83-22.67. E Beachley (Aus) bt S Ryan (Aus), 24.17-17.6. Final: Beachley bt Webb, 19.26-18.17.

TENNIS

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: J Courier (US) bt M Chang (US), 6-2, 6-3. P Sampras (US) bt A Manadoori (Isr), 2-6, 7-6, 7-5. Final: Sampras bt Courier, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: United States men's clay-court championship: Quarter-finals: M Martin (US) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-4, 7-5; J Yzaga (Peru) bt B Shelton (US), 6-4, 6-4. Semi-finals: H de la Pena (Arg) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 7-6, 7-5; Yzaga bt Martin, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

NICE: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: M Gölfner (Ger) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-2, 7-5; I Lendl (US) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-2, 6-3. Final: Gölfner bt Lendl, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

PATTAYA, Thailand: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: Y Basuki (Indo) bt P Fendick, 6-4, 6-0; M Werdel (US) bt S Rottier (Holl), 6-2, 6-1. Final: Basuki bt Werdel, 6-3, 6-1.

MINNEAPOLIS: First Banks Cup exhibition: Men: J Connors (US) bt P Annacone (US), 6-1, 7-5. Women: M Seles (Yug) bt M J Fernandez (US), 6-4, 6-4.

WESTSIDE, Wimbledon: Rasbok tour: Finals: Men: C Beecher (Kent) bt N Fulwood (Derbys), 6-3, 6-1. Women: N Egorova (Russ) bt S Perkhomenko (Russ), 6-7, 6-2, 8-0

KNARESBOROUGH: LTA summer series: Semi-finals: Men: T Smith bt D Kitchen, 6-0, 6-4; G Pearson bt M Dixon, 6-0, 6-2. Women: D Aswell bt L Weetherhead, 6-1, 6-2; E Cheung wo S Stirk, scr.

TRIATHLON

ST CROIX, US Virgin Islands: ITP tour: First event: Men: 1, M Pigg (US), 2hr 31min 54sec; 2, A MacMartin (Can), 2:26:46, 3, W Hobson (US), 2:39:20; 7, G McCarthy (Ire), 2:41:31. Women: 1, K Smyers (US), 2:53:43; 2, J Hansen (US), 2:56:41; 3, P Newby-Fraser (Zim), 2:57:35

YACHTING

WARSASH SPRING SERIES: Fifth race: IMS: 1, Interloper (C and G Brown); 2, J-Hawk (N Bramwell), 3, Impulse (E Dragten). CHS 1: 1, Kozmos (J Robinson), 2, Maid of Umst II (G Meredith); 3, J-Hawk (N Bramwell). CHS 2: 1, Windspirite V (D Sanico), 2, Instigator (S Fleming); 2, Ecstasy (D Shepherd). CHS 3: 1, Ace (R Oakley); 2, Pawky Goo (J and M Ingram); 3, Menace (T Rees). CHS 4: 1, St Jame II (M Gray); 2, Funtastic (C Woodman), 3, Charlotte Sometimes (E Donald). X99: 1, Sambule (G West); 2, Reflex (P Blake); 3, Panic IV (B Lett). Sigma 38: 1, Scorpio (V Watkins); 2, Arbitrator (S Bailey); 3, Warp Factor III (R Fielder). Sigma 33: 1, Circe (P Thomas); 2, Blaze (W McNeill); 3, Akseo (E Smith). J24: 1, Jessica (J Shorrock); 2, The Dogs Rollocks (R Mitchell); 3, Smoky Joe (J U Clarke). Sonata: 1, Impromptu (P Sonksen); 2, Piccolo (M Harrington).

SWIMMING

DALLAS: Baylor sprint classic: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, T Pace (US), 22.01sec; 2, A Popov (Russ), 22.16; 3, T Jager (US), 22.38.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCH: RGS, Worcester 216-5; RGS, Colchester 91.

POWERBOATING

ABU DHABI: World inland circuit championship (amended results followed protest): 1, G Cappelini (It), 10pts; 2, F Seralles (US), 8.5; 3, A Elliott (GB), 7.5; 4, S Kerton (GB), 6.5; 5, J Hill (GB), 5.5; 6, F Bocca (It), 5

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP
FIRST DIVISION

Hull KR	6	Halifax	38

Hull KR: Tries: Lazenby, Goals: M Fletcher. Halifax: Tries: Lord (2), Bentley, Fogarty, Hill, Richardson, Sharp. Goals: Bishop (5). Att: 3,280

Leeds	20	Bradford	12

Leeds: Tries: Fallon (2), Dixon, Tait. Goals: Irving (2).
Bradford: Tries: Marchant (2). Goals: Hobbs 2. Att: 11,157.

Wakefield	20	Sheffield	6

Wakefield: Tries: Mason (2), Round. Goals: Wright 4
Sheffield: Tries: Aston. Goals: Aston. Att: 2,672.

Warrington	22	Salford	20

Warrington: Tries: Cullen, Foster, Penny, Williamson. Goals: G Mackey (3), Salford: Tries: Bleasa, Coussons, Lee. Goals: D Young (4). Att: 2,500.

Widnes	28	Leigh	28

Widnes: Tries: Myers (2), Currie, Feimalo, McCurrie. Goals: Tyrer (2), Currier.
Leigh: Tries: Clarke (2), Booth, Andy Collier, Donohue. Goals: Clarke (4). Att: 4,993.

FRIDAY: Wigan 25, Castleford 18.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	26	20	1	5	744	327	41
St Helens	26	20	1	5	632	345	41
Bradford	26	15	0	11	553	434	30
Widnes	26	15	0	11	549	446	30
Leeds	26	14	2	10	595	522	30
Castleford	26	14	1	11	544	407	29
Halifax	26	13	0	13	557	505	26
Warrington	26	12	1	13	487	450	25
Hull	26	10	1	15	381	535	21
Sheffield	26	10	1	15	405	627	21
Leigh	26	9	2	15	410	530	20
Wakefield	26	8	2	16	405	535	18
Salford	26	8	0	17	498	725	16
Hull KR	26	7	0	19	321	599	14

SECOND DIVISION

Featherstone	78	Bramley	0
London C	30	Oldham	18
Rochdale	50	Carlisle	12
Swinton	8	Huddersfield	28

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone	28	24	1	3	996	352	49
Oldham	28	20	1	7	753	393	41
Huddersfield	28	15	0	13	565	548	30
Rochdale	28	14	0	14	622	607	28
L Crusaders	28	12	2	14	534	552	26
Swinton	28	10	0	18	411	636	20
Carlisle	28	6	3	19	454	721	15
Bramley	28	7	1	20	328	734	15

THIRD DIVISION PREMIERSHIP
First round

Dewsbury	22	Batley	18
Keighley	34	Hunslet	8
Workington	44	Doncaster	14

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Hull 24, Warrington 13; Wigan 61, Featherstone Rovers 0. Second division: Bramley 26, London 26; Leigh 62, Huddersfield 18; Ryedale York 31, Hunslet 18; Swinton 46, Doncaster 14.

ACADEMY CUP: Quarter-finals: Featherstone Rovers 24, Wigan 16; Hull 46, Hull KR 16; St Helens 26, Warrington 35.

WINFIELD CUP: Parramatta 10, Canberra Raiders 8; Manly-Warringah 0, Eastern Suburbs 6; Illawarra Steelers 2, North Sydney 7; South Sydney 18, Western Suburbs 12; Brisbane Broncos 34, Penrith Panthers 8; Canterbury-Bankstown 14, St George 18; Gold Coast Seagulls 22, Newcastle Knights 6; Cronulla-Sutherland 18, Balmain 4.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Seattle SuperSonics 108, Phoenix Suns 102; Chicago Bulls 119, Milwaukee Bucks 105; Indiana Pacers 100, New York Knicks 94; Charlotte Hornets 127, Detroit Pistons 93; Cleveland Cavaliers 113, Orlando Magic 110; Portland Trail Blazers 117, Minnesota Timberwolves 108; Sacramento Kings 100, San Antonio Spurs 93; Houston Rockets 100, Los Angeles Lakers 84; Los Angeles Clippers 122, Golden State Warriors 115; Dallas Mavericks 99, Denver Nuggets 86. Saturday: Boston Celtics 103, Miami Heat 100; Charlotte Hornets 110, Atlanta Hawks 107; New Jersey Nets 104, Washington Bullets 103; Sacramento Kings 108, Dallas Mavericks 107; New York Knicks 95, Detroit Pistons 85; Utah Jazz 110, Phoenix Suns 101; Houston Rockets 86, Seattle SuperSonics 81.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Quarter-final play-offs: Second leg: Stanstead Worthing Bears 94 (Lewis 34, Irish 18), Leicester City Riders 84 (Trasvant 42, Waldron 18); Worthing win 2-0. Third and deciding legs: Guildford Kings 82 (Gordon 22, Duncan 21), Birmingham Bullets 75 (Simms 18, Singleton 17); Guildford win 2-1; London Towers 97 (Scanlebury 23, R Scantlebury 19), Derby Bucks 93 (Hood 39); London win 2-1. Women: First division: Semi-final: Avesta Sheffield Hatters 59, Nottingham 35.

ATHLETICS

WALNUT, California: Mount San Antonio College Invitation meeting: Men: 400m: J Rock (GS), 45.49. 110m hurdles: A Jarrett (GB), 13.33sec. 400m hurdles: W Graham (Jam), 50.17. 4 x 100m relay: 1, Santa Monica Track Club (US, F Heard, L Burrell, M Marsh, C Lewis), 38.00; 2, Commonwealth team (M Adam - GB, Jarrett, Regis, R Stewart - Jam), 38.37.

ROTTERDAM MARATHON: Men: 1, D Caron (Mex), 2hr 11min 08sec, 2, S Naali (Tan), 2:11:45; 3, H Haennenen (Fin), 2:12:59; W Mtolo (SA), 2:12:34. Women: 1, A van Schuppen (Holl), 2:34:15; 2, W van Onna (Holl), 2:34:26; 4, B Walker (GB), 2:39:36.

VIENNA MARATHON: Men: 1, C Patricio (Por), 2hr 11min 00sec; 2, K David (Cz), 2:13:16; 3, N Tabak (Ukr), 2:14:18. Women: B Moe (Nor), 2:36:21.

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England upset odds to capture world sevens title

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ENGLAND are kings of seven-a-side rugby still. The winners of the only previous "world" tournament, in 1973, were yesterday crowned — at Murrayfield, the same venue as before — victors of the inaugural Rugby World Cup sevens tournament after a nail-biting 21-17 win over Australia in the final.

It was the perfect end to a day of mounting tension and excitement, as different from the preceding two days as chalk from cheese. As the rain lashed down, the waters of the tournament rose and when they receded for the semi-finals the only islands left were Fiji, the favourites, and Ireland.

Gone were Western Samoa, winners last month of the Hong Kong tournament and unbeaten in the qualifying rounds here, and Tonga. Gone, too, New Zealand for all their 42-0 demolition of Australia in the quarter-final series, along with the other unbeaten side from Friday and Saturday, South Africa. Remaining were England and Australia, those inveterate rivals and finalists at Twickenham in the World Cup proper two years ago, whose clash in the quarter-finals left Australia winners of the game and, as a consequence, the pool. Even then there could have been a southern hemisphere final to justify all those pre-tournament opinions that the Melrose Cup was destined for the South Seas.

But the players, the essential ingredients who made this tournament what it became, warmed a day that would have otherwise been chillingly cold. Andrew Harriman, whose sprinting is still as sharp as any, carved out two tries in the 21-7 win over Fiji, and Ireland took Australia to the final whistle, as they did in Hong Kong.

The formula of the tournament, with five games on the final day against the best opposition in the world, ensured the finalists would have little strength left in their legs, but England leapt into an astounding 21-0 lead. "All through the tournament we have emphasised to the boys that we had to score first," Harriman, the captain, now close to the end of a playing career that brought him just one senior cap (also against Australia in 1988), said.

Suiting action to word he did, his twelfth making him the highest try-scorer of the tournament. Laurance Dallaglio, growing in confidence with every round he played, crossed for a second and Tim Rodber stormed 60 metres for a third. The faithful Nick Beal, an exciting presence throughout, converted all three before Australia renewed their efforts: it was critical that Michael Lynagh and David Campese scored in the corners because Lynagh could convert neither and though Semi Taupeaffe, their Tongan scrum half, crashed over for a third, England's tired limbs clung on.

They thereby reversed the early opinion of the crowd who had made them the butt of the tournament. The last laugh was emphatically English; where the Scottish Rugby Union dispatched a squad, at considerable expense, on a tour of Australia, Fiji and Hong Kong last month to prepare for Murrayfield, England stayed home. Yesterday England were in the premier competition and Scotland, in the third tier of this attenuated tournament, lost the final of the Bowl to Japan.

Only four of England's finalists appeared at the Harlequins Sevens tournament last September; only three went to the Dubai Sevens in November. Since then England have had no matchplay, but the unquenchable will to win of a young team and the Sevens expertise of Les Cusworth, the coach, and Peter Rossborough, the manager turned them into a splendidly competitive squad.

As for the tournament itself, it was a quirky regulation that ignored merit across the board — that is, tries scored over a series of matches rather than the one-off result which gave Australia leadership of their quarter-final pool. But that was the nature of the beast: three days of sevens in the wrong place, at the wrong time with a qualifying system sufficiently confusing to lead the stadium announcer to tell the crowd that England would play Australia in the semi-finals and a phlethora of regulations that had the Fijian manager rigid with indignation.

Yet again, the players came to the rescue by accepting the stage for what it was and performing to their best on it. The South Africanteam, strong, fit and direct, earned immense respect and provided the tournament with two outstanding individuals, Andre Joubert and Joost van der Westhuizen. An eclectic VII would certainly include the little Fijian, Waisale Serevi, and probably the elusive Glen Osborne from New Zealand rather than Eric Rush, whose tournament ended sadly with an ankle injury in the quarter-final against England, though the All Blacks remained capable of moving heaven and earth when Australia's green and gold opposed them. But the day, damp as it was, was all white.

ENGLAND: A Harriman (Harlequins, capt), A Adebayo (Bath), N Beal (Northampton), D Scully (Wakefield), T Rodber (Northampton, rep: J Cassell, Saracens), C Sheasby (Harlequins), L Dallaglio (Wasps)

AUSTRALIA: D Campese (Randwick), R Constable (Noosa), M Lynagh (Treviso, capt), S Taupeaffe (Manly), V Ofahengaue (Manly), M Burke (Eastwood), J Fenwicke (Sydney University).

Referee: P Robin (France).



Unstoppable: Sheasby, of England, tears himself free of an attempted tackle by Lynagh, of Australia, yesterday

DETAILS FROM HONG KONG

POOL MATCHES

GROUP A: Fiji 42, Latvia 0; South Africa 28, Japan 5; Wales 33, Romania 7; Fiji 28, Japan 17; Latvia 5, Romania 22; South Africa 36, Wales 14; Fiji 40, Romania 0; Japan 7, Wales 35; Latvia 5, South Africa 47; Fiji 21, Wales 17; South Africa 38, Romania 0; Japan 21, Latvia 14; South Africa 26, Fiji 19; Wales 36, Latvia 7; Romania 15, Japan 17.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Africa	5	5	0	0	175	43	15
Fiji	5	4	0	1	150	60	13
Wales	5	3	0	2	135	78	11
Japan	5	2	0	3	67	120	9
Romania	5	1	0	4	44	139	7
Latvia	5	0	0	5	31	168	5

GROUP B: New Zealand 49, Holland 7; France 22, United States 7; Ireland 21, South Korea 12; New Zealand 19, United States 5; Holland 12, South Korea 28; France 9, Ireland 17; New Zealand 19, France 5; Ireland 45, Holland 0; South Korea 26, United States 19; South Korea 14, France 0; United States 31, Holland 0; New Zealand 45, South Korea 0; France 26, Holland 14; New Zealand 24, Ireland 7; Ireland 38, United States 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	6	5	0	0	157	24	15
Ireland	5	4	0	1	128	45	13
South Korea	5	3	0	2	80	98	11
France	5	2	0	3	82	71	9
United States	5	1	0	4	62	105	7
Holland	5	0	0	5	33	179	5

GROUP C: Australia 28, Taiwan 0; Scotland 15, Tonga 7; Argentina 17, Italy 7; Australia 7, Tonga 10; Taiwan 14, Italy 15; Scotland 10, Argentina 14; Australia 40, Italy 0; Tonga 17, Argentina 5; Taiwan 5, Scotland 36; Argentina 26, Taiwan 5; Tonga 31, Italy 7; Australia 26, Scotland 14; Tonga 32, Taiwan 0; Australia 40, Argentina 5; Scotland 21, Italy 12.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	6	4	0	1	141	29	13
Tonga	5	4	0	1	117	34	13
Argentina	5	3	0	2	87	79	11
Scotland	5	3	0	2	95	64	11
Italy	5	1	0	4	41	123	7
Taiwan	5	0	0	5	24	157	5

GROUP D: England 40, Hong Kong 5; Western Samoa 47, Spain 0; Canada 21, Namibia 7; England 31, Spain 0; Hong Kong 19, Namibia 17; Western Samoa 28, Canada 14; Canada 35, Hong Kong 7; Namibia 26, Spain 21; Western Samoa 28, England 10; Western Samoa 47, Namibia 0; Spain 26, Hong Kong 5; England 33, Canada 0; Spain 12, Canada 5; Western Samoa 43, Hong Kong 7; England 24, Namibia 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Samoa	5	5	0	0	193	31	15
England	5	4	0	1	136	38	13
Canada	5	2	0	3	75	87	9
Spain	5	2	0	3	59	114	9
Hong Kong	5	1	0	4	43	161	7
Namibia	5	1	0	4	55	132	7

QUARTER-FINALS

GROUP 1: Ireland 17, Western Samoa 0; Fiji 21, Tonga 7; Fiji 14, Western Samoa 12; Ireland 14, Tonga 12; Western Samoa 42, Tonga 7; Fiji 31, Ireland 7.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiji	3	3	0	0	66	28	9
Ireland	3	2	0	1	38	43	7
W Samoa	3	1	0	2	54	38	5
Tonga	3	0	0	3	25	77	3

GROUP 2: Australia 7, South Africa 5; England 21, New Zealand 12; England 14, South Africa 7; New Zealand 42, Australia 0; South Africa 31, New Zealand 12; Australia 21, England 12.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	3	2	0	1	28	59	7
England	3	2	0	1	47	40	7
South Africa	3	1	0	2	43	35	5
New Zealand	3	1	0	2	66	82	5

SEMI-FINALS

England 21, Fiji 7
Australia 21, Ireland 19

FINAL

England 21, Australia 17

PLATE: Semi-finals: Spain 10, Wales 7; Argentina 24, South Korea 0. Final: Argentina 19, Spain 12.

BOWL: Semi-finals: Scotland 14, France 7; Japan 14, Canada 0. Final: Japan 33, Scotland 19.

White opens assault in fine style

By Phil Yates

DRIVEN on by the memory of his defeat in the Embassy world snooker championship final last year, Jimmy White opened his 1993 campaign with a 10-4 first-round victory over Joe Swail, the Irish champion, in the the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

"I needed something like that after what happened here last year," White said, recalling his 18-14 defeat by Stephen Hendry in the final 12 months ago after leading 14-8. It was the third time in succession that White had been runner-up and the fourth such occasion since 1984.

White began his 1992 world championship campaign in spectacular fashion with a 147 maximum break — ultimately worth £114,000 — during his first round defeat of Tony Drago. The performance against Swail never approached those heights.

After a season in which only nine players have earned more ranking points than Swail, the 23-year-old from Belfast was widely expected to provide White with a stern initial examination. However, a series of unforced errors proved his undoing in the first session on Saturday.

White, who had managed only one break over 50 in building a commanding 7-2 advantage, lost the first two frames of yesterday's concluding session to lead only 7-4, but won the following three as the mistakes that had blighted Swail's challenge in the early stages began to reappear with increasing frequency.

"I played very tight in the first session because I know that Joe can be a fantastic scorer. I was wary of him and that came back on me," White said. He plays Alain Robidoux or Doug Mountjoy in the second round.

Hendry, who demonstrated that his best form had returned at the right time by beating Steve Davis 10-6 in the final of the International Open eight days ago, began his title defence in the most convincing manner imaginable with a 10-1 win over Danny Fowler on Saturday.

The Scot, attempting to win the championship for the third time in four years, included two century and seven half-century breaks as he established a 9-0 lead. The highlight of Hendry's session of invincibility, a 128 total clearance in the sixth frame, was his 200th century break in eight years as a professional.

Darren Morgan, the world No. 16, has the dubious pleasure of meeting Hendry over the best of 25 frames, for a quarter-final place. Morgan enhanced his chances of squeezing into the world's top eight next season by beating Les Dodd, of Southport, 10-5 in dour match.

The results of his previous encounters with Hendry do not bode well for Morgan. He has lost four of their five matches, the most recent a 9-3 defeat in the final of last year's Regal Welsh Open.

John Parrott, the 1991 champion, exploited the nervousness of Stephen O'Connor, from Dublin, a former world amateur champion, to construct an 8-1 first-session lead. Parrott, the No. 2 seed, was left requiring two of the remaining ten frames to progress into the last 16, where he would face Willie Thorne, a 10-6 winner against Shaun Mellish.

RESULTS: S Hendry (Scot) bt D Fowler (Eng), 10-1; W Thorne (Eng) bt S Mellish (Eng), 10-6; D Morgan (Wales) bt L Dodd (Eng), 10-5; J White (Eng) bt J Swail (N Ire), 10-4. Latest position: J Parrott (Eng) leads S O'Connor (Ire), 8-1.

Agonies outweigh ecstasy for long-distance hobblers

Michael Coleman on those who failed to live up to great expectations in the London Marathon

FOR some, such as Eamonn Martin and Katrin Dörre, yesterday's NutraSweet London Marathon was ecstasy; for many others, however, it was agony.

And the pain was not just physical, for they had the double burden of personal *and* public expectations.

One such was Paul Evans, who had a throat infection and could hardly keep upright before the start. "If this had been a local race, I would never have started," he said.

"But this was London. A lot was expected of me. I decided I'd have to sink or swim." He finally sank just after 14 miles.

Evans, 32, was fifth last year in London and three weeks ago won the Reading Half-marathon in a fine 61min 30sec. He had already been chosen for the marathon at the world championships in Stuttgart this summer and as the main British hope, he was brought from his Lowestoft home last Thursday to meet the press. "Next morning I felt my head was banging off the wall," he said. "Instead of training, I went to bed."

The warm-up in Greenwich Park yesterday morning was his first run for three days. "After two miles, I was just holding on to the front group, but by four-and-a-half miles I dropped off and became isolated." He walked back to the race hotel and retreated to his room to try to think positively: he could prove his worth in Stuttgart. Some consolation was that on his way through the hotel lobby, he met Carl Thackery, another British hopeful, and he had lasted only six miles.

One who kept going despite his reputation falling about him was the former world champion from Australia, Rob de Castella, the second fastest man in the field (2hr 7min 51sec) and, with Liz McColgan, brought into the race as one of the most attractive personalities.

At 36 years old, the great "Deek" felt he could use London to go out in a blaze of glory. "As soon as I started, I realised I had no flow, no rhythm," he said. "For a marathon, it's not just the mileage in training you need. I didn't blow up. I was too tight, I couldn't stride."

After five miles, groups of lesser-known runners began passing him but, to de Castella's credit, he stubbornly held on to finish 33rd in 2hr 19min 44sec. He could hardly walk up the steps to the hotel. Twelve years previously, he had set a world record, 2:08:18, at Fukuoka.

Was this his last marathon? "You might be right, but this is not the best time to ask me," the director of the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra replied.

Hobbling with a strapped left ankle and heading for the doctor was Andrea Wallace, Britain's second-best hope among the women after McColgan. "My ankle went at ten miles and I eased off hoping the wind would be more favourable after Tower Bridge, but it wasn't," she said. Wallace, third last year, abandoned at 20 miles.

Martin proves runners' choice

David Powell, athletics correspondent, reports on the enthusiast who will turn out for his club at the national road relay next Saturday

TWENTY years on from winning his first English Schools' title, at cross country, Eamonn Martin is as enthusiastic for his running as he ever was, enjoying training as though it brings no pain. "I have always looked at myself as the greatest fun-runner in the country," Martin said yesterday after finishing ahead of 25,000 of them.

There could hardly have been a more popular winner. To club runners, he is one of them, not a man in the distance, seen only on television when the Olympic Games or some other big meeting comes round. Where will he be next Saturday? Why running in the national road relay for his club, Basildon, at Sutton Coldfield. He has booked physiotherapy sessions for every day this week to make sure his legs are ready.

And to those who will get to know him better, now that he is the champion of arguably the world's greatest marathon, he will come across as articulate and polite. He spoke well of everyone yesterday. "I could not believe how many people were shouting for me on the course," Martin said.

He thought most of them seemed to know his name. And for this man who has had the applause of a Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres victory, of a British record in the Bislett Stadium, Oslo, and of two English cross-country championship victories, the thrill of the London Marathon was something new.

The atmosphere took him by surprise. "I have run in some of the greatest arenas in track, I have won in Oslo and Zurich, and I never thought a road race would simulate a big track race, but it does," Martin said.

Success will not change him, he vowed. "It has not up to now and it won't in the future," he said. Though he will now be a wealthy man by his running alone, he will return to work as a test engineer for Ford. He enjoys the work and the companionship.

He might take some time off first, though. Due back today, he will have duties as the London Marathon winner. "You don't say before you leave work, 'I won't be in Monday because I'll have won the London Marathon'." Sense of humour, too.

It has not always been evident when it has come to matters of British team selection. It is here that Martin can be at his most stubborn and it will come as no surprise to those who know him that he is about to make life awkward for them again.

He has no intention of running the marathon at the world championships in Stuttgart this summer, though he is bound to be asked. There is one team place left, to add to those given to Steve Jones and Paul Evans, but Martin does not want it: he wants to compete in the 10,000 metres. But he is refusing to run in the trial.

He would be prepared, however, to run for Britain in the European Cup, changed days from 1989 when he drew vitriol from fellow athletes, notably John Regis, for refusing to run, putting his own interests before those of the national team.

He wanted to double at 5,000 and 10,000 metres in the Commonwealth Games and, as the 5,000 metres trial came only one week after the European Cup, he declined to run the cup 10,000 metres.

If there is a selfishness sometimes in his attitude to running, it is not his usual nature. On Saturday he gave a team talk to the group running to raise money for the Lord's Taverners, of which he is a member. And his coach and manager, Mel Batty, has no formal financial arrangement with him, something of an anachronism in these professional times.

"We're friends and I can trust him to send me some money if I need it," Batty said. A few thousand pounds from yesterday's earnings should not be missed and should do Batty nicely. If only to help settle his champagne bill.

Batty, an Arsenal supporter who is known to enjoy a drink, rushed away from race headquarters shortly after lunch to take up his place at Wembley. But did not have his champion with him: Martin is a Tottenham fan.

A test of friendship if ever there was one.

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Staffordshire survive comeback to lift title

By Sydney Friskin

STAFFORDSHIRE recovered the Norwich Union county hockey championship after 22 years with a 3-2 victory over Cheshire at Cannock yesterday in a lively final that dispelled any fears of weariness at the end of a long season.

Early in the second half Cheshire were three goals behind but, far from abandoning hope, they came back strongly forcing two short corners at the end before time ran out.

Chris Mayer showed remarkable turns of speed in Staffordshire's attack and had an enormous influence on the game.

He put Staffordshire ahead from a pass by Oates with a sharp hit in the 23rd minute and produced a measured pass which enabled Oates to score the third goal two minutes after the interval. In two days, Mayer had scored five times. The second goal in yesterday's final was obtained by Sharpe in the 28th minute from a short corner.

Cheshire's spirits were revived when Robert Crutchley scrambled a goal from a short corner in the fortieth minute and thereafter they put pressure on Staffordshire's defence. Four minutes before the end, Skates moved in to score from Pidcock's centre.

Yorkshire surrendered their title earlier in the day when they lost 2-1 in the semi-finals to Cheshire, who went 2-0 ahead with goals by Grimley and Crutchley. Conway replied for Yorkshire. Middlesex were beaten 3-0 in the other semi-final by Staffordshire, whose goals were scored by Jasbinder Chana, Imran Sherwani and Mayer.



Group 4 Securitas forges ahead

From Barry Pickthall
in Cape Town

MIKE Golding and his Group 4 Securitas crew swept through to lead the British Steel Challenge yesterday, 24 hours after heading out into mountainous seas on the final stage of this yacht race around the world.

Golding's crew has to recover eight hours on Nuclear Electric, skippered by John Chittenden, if it is to secure overall honours when it returns to Southampton next month, but yesterday morning there was little more than a mile between them.

Chittenden had the wind knocked out of his sails by the towering swells rolling into Table Bay on Saturday and started five minutes behind the fleet. Overnight, however, Nuclear Electric moved steadily through the fleet to challenge for first place.

The 25-feet high seas caused confusion for two other crews who failed to notice that the first turning buoy had been swept three-quarters of a mile out of position. Heath Insured, skippered by Adrian Donovan, lost more than a mile on the fleet when the crew was forced to turn back and round the mark correctly, and both she and Interspray sailed away with red protest flags fluttering in their rigging.

Other crews had no difficulty in locating the mark, however, and it was British Steel II, skippered by Richard Tudor, that led the fleet round it, a short distance ahead of Commercial Union. Overnight, Tudor's crew slipped to eighth after coming into an area of light winds, along with Interspray and Hofbrau Lager. As a result, Pete Goss and his crew lost 24 miles on the leaders, which was hardly the start they needed to improve on their third place overall.

Hofbrau's demise makes Chittenden's game-plan all the easier. He has only to shadow Group 4 to protect his lead, rather than worry about covering two yachts on differing courses.

Golding's crew, which was fastest across the Southern Ocean from Cape Horn to the Cape of Good Hope, is relying on its speed to make up the deficit on Nuclear Electric. Chittenden, however, has asked his crew to strip the yacht of all the excess baggage gathered during the past six months. They are sharing oilskins, boots and even toothpaste between watches, all personal belongings have been left behind and individual clothing has been limited to T-shirts and shorts.

This week, the crews can expect some glorious sailing under spinnakers as they skirt north-eastward around the South Atlantic high-pressure system. Their first test will come just north of the Equator, where the Doldrums, that web of calms spreading across the Atlantic, have been known to delay yachts for anything up to seven days.

Crews can then expect the north-east trade winds to fill in close to the Cape Verde Islands and carry them up as far as the Azores, where a second high-pressure system lies in wait to catch the unwary.

From there, however, it should be relatively plain sailing into the Western Approaches, through the Solent and up Southampton Water to the finish line off Ocean Village. If the rest of the 6,000-mile stage follows the tight racing seen during the first 24 hours, then the finish around May 21 could provide a nail-biting conclusion.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 09:00 BST yesterday, with miles to Southampton). 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding) 5,775 miles; 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden) 5,776; 3, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray) 5,780; 4, Commercial Union (R Merriweather) 5,781; 5, Heath Insured (A Donovan) 5,785; 6, Rhone Poulenc (P Phillips) 5,787; 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Chamy) 5,791; 8, British Steel II (R Tudor) 5,793; 9, Interspray (P Jeffes) 5,797; 10, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss) 5,799.

United ease into home straight with plenty to spare


Sharpe: leading role

Peter Ball sees Manchester United display championship credentials 12 months after falling at the final hurdle in the title run-in

What a difference a year makes. Twelve months ago, Manchester United's championship surge spluttered nervously to a halt on the home straight. This year they are brimming with confidence and even the fates seem to be on their side.

On Saturday they showed one of the outstanding qualities of champions, beating Chelsea comfortably, 3-0, without approaching their best until the second half, by which time the game was already won. Last season if they were not at their best, they did not win.

"It's a heck of a difference from last year," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. "We've got a bigger squad, we've got cover for just about every position this year, and they are much wiser for the experience they suffered last year. They are strong and capable of handling it now."

The side are bursting with confidence this time and enjoying their football. "We're looking forward to the games, everyone's full of confidence and the games are enjoyable to play in," Mark Hughes, a goalscorer on Saturday, said. "Last time we were dreading games."

They are also having the luck that was missing when Leeds United stole past them last season. Nothing illustrates the change better than their last two home wins, over sides that have proved insurmountable obstacles in the past.

Last season home points dropped to Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea were significant; even more significant were four days in April 1986 when the two clubs won at Old Trafford to end Ron Atkinson's last serious attempt on the championship. This April, they have proved less serious obstacles. Sheffield Wednesday were overcome in overtime. On Saturday, Chelsea arrived with a record of only one league defeat at Old Trafford since 1967, the year of the last championship, and promptly gifted United their first two goals at a time when a bouncing ball and gusty wind was threatening to frustrate the title contenders.

Hughes admitted his surprise at seeing a half-hit shot from an acute angle creep under Beasant and the second goal was another self-inflicted wound. Clarke heading precisely into the corner of his own net in a vain attempt to prevent Sharpe's cross reaching Cantona.

Afterwards, Beasant, who had one of his hapless days, claimed that Hughes's shot had swerved dramatically. However, neither Hughes nor the television cameras supported the Chelsea goalkeeper.

But if the first two goals were fortuitous, good sides make their own luck; United, especially Sharpe, did just that.

The winger has had an up-and-down season since his return from injury, but he played the leading role in the first two goals. His sliding tackle won the ball back from three Chelsea defenders to release Hughes, and the England international provided the perfect cross for the second.

"People keep saying he's scored only one goal, but that's about 18 he's made now," Ferguson said. "It's an important season for him to get over with, but he is making his contribution, and with a good pre-season training, which he hasn't had for a year or two now, you'll see a heck of an improvement in the lad next year."

The prospect is enticing because Sharpe and Giggs in full flow on the wings are almost United's greatest asset. Giggs played his part on Saturday, too, combining with Hughes to set up the third goal for Cantona, and providing the outstanding moment as he beat Beasant in a race for the ball down the left touchline, only to see his instant shot bounce just the wrong side of the post. That it missed hardly mattered.

Giggs departed to give a third flying winger, Kanchelskis, a run. "In some departments they are frightening," Beasant said. "Their pace up front is devastating and if they are struggling they always have a way out by using their wingers."

United did not struggle very often, but when Spencer and Stuart did have the chances for an early goal to revive United's old fears. Schmeichel made sure it did not happen with two point-blank saves. It is not only at the front that they are a formidable side these days.

MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel, P Parker, D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, E Cantona, P Ince, S McClair (sub: B Robson), M Hughes, R Giggs (sub: A Kanchelskis).
CHELSEA: D Beasant, S Clarke, F Sinclair, A Townsend, E Johnsen, M Donaghy (sub: D Barnard), G Stuart, J Spencer, N Shipperley (sub: S Livingstone), G Hall, D Wise.
Referee: H Hung.

Premier League hopefuls fail to hide their nerves as the pressure builds up at the top

Villa stutter back into contention for championship

Aston Villa	3
Manchester City	1

By Russell Kempson

ASTON Villa edged their way back into the Premier League title race at Villa Park yesterday. They did so nervously, unattractively and with an undercurrent of panic that belied their smooth and eye-pleasing progress this season.

Last year, it was Manchester United who creaked, groaned and finally cracked under the pressure, allowing Leeds United to capture the crown. United have shown few signs of collapsing this time around and it is Villa who have stumbled along, managing to stay in contention.

A defeat or a draw against Manchester City would have all but handed the prize to United and, for 45 minutes, it seemed destined to end it tears for Villa. Yet three second-half goals overturned a 1-0 interval deficit and closed the gap on United, the leaders, to one point. The championship chase lives on.

"There were a few well-chosen words spoken in the dressing room at half-time," Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, said. "We showed a lot of character to come back. The lads are straining every last sinew and we're still hanging in there. City gave it a real go and so did we in the end, which makes the result even more pleasing."

Though City's season is meandering with no clear direction, they provided solid early evidence of a firm desire to spoil Villa's challenge, even at the cost of possibly gifting the ultimate domestic honour to United. Cynics suggesting a less than committed City display — visiting supporters unfurled a banner reading "Good luck Villa, from the City of Manchester" before the game — swiftly reassessed their argument.

Saunders should have eased the gnawing doubts in the twelfth minute after latching on to Richardson's pass but 11 matches without a goal had blunted his instincts. Instead of driving the ball firmly past the isolated Coton, he stabbed it weakly into his grasp.

City bided their time until the 35th minute, when Simpson and Phelan combined delightfully to bemuse Cox. Phelan delivered the eventual cross and Quinn rose high to head home powerfully via the underside of the crossbar.

Bewildered, Villa wandered towards the interval. Inspiration was needed but little was forthcoming. Yet, two mintues after the break, their senses restored, they equalised from a smart four-man move. Richardson and Houghton freed Daley, whose cross deflected off the head of Ranson and into the path of Saunders. More than 17 hours of football after he last scored, against Ipswich Town of February 6, he savoured the taste again. A sharp nod of the brow produced his seventeenth goal of the season.

Atkinson, now standing outside the dugout, impatiently, like a man on the brink of parenthood, urged his players on to greater effort. And they responded, taking the lead in the 68th minute when Curle's wayward hand prevented Saunders' cross from reaching Dalian Atkinson. Parker, none too convincingly, dispatched the penalty.

City retaliated by pushing Curle up front, with the alarming result of Quinn, Simpson and Vonk all going close. Villa nerves, on and off the pitch, were frayed to the limit. In the final minute, though, Staunton's flick through to Houghton was finished off with the cutest of lobs.

Atkinson, the manager, allowed himself his first smile of the afternoon. Yet there are still three matches to go; the purgatory continues.

ASTON VILLA: M Bosnich, E Barrett, S Staunton, N Cox, P McGrath, K Richardson, R Houghton, G Parker (sub: B Small), D Saunders, D Atkinson, A Daley.
MANCHESTER CITY: A Coton, R Ranson, T Phelan, P Reid, K Curle, M Vonk, D White, F Simpson, N Quinn, G Fitzroll, R Holden (sub: D Brightwell).
Referee: P Don.

NEVILLE WILLIAMS


Middleman: Saunders, of Aston Villa, is trapped between the twin tackles of Reid and the grounded Vonk

Liverpool's victory evokes memories

"MIND, I've known the bad times, too," Bob Paisley, the most successful manager in football, once remarked. "One year we came second." Graeme Souness is beginning to understand the message behind the humour (Peter Ball writes).

On Saturday, **Liverpool** took revenge for their heaviest defeat of the season, beating **Coventry City** 4-0 to move into the top half of the table. "We owed Coventry one and we gave them one," Souness, the manager, said.

After their worst season in two decades, the result means that Liverpool can still finish in the top six. Even so, yesterday's papers were still questioning Souness's future. Coming in the top six is regarded as failure at Anfield.

Yet on Saturday they recalled the days of their pomp with football only Manchester United and Aston Villa of present teams could surpass.

Tottenham also scored four to leave **Oldham Athletic** in the third relegation position. Oldham led through Beckford, but then things fell apart. Pointon handled for Sheringham to equalise with the first of two penalties.

Sheringham celebrated his call-up for England, supplying the crosses for Anderton and Turner to score the second and fourth goals and claiming the third himself from the spot.

While Liverpool have put relegation behind them, **Leeds United**'s unhappy form continues. On Saturday even their home form deserted them, **Crystal Palace** gaining a point from one of the two 0-0 draws in the Premier League.

There was more excitement at The Dell, where the scoreline reflected outstanding displays by the goalkeepers, Neville Southall and Tim Flowers. Southall was the busier and his display even evoked admiration from the **Southampton** players, but when **Everton** did break clear, Flowers was equally impressive.

Forest's romantic lead declines

Keith Blackmore sees a victory for substance over style that adds to Brian Clough's worries

BEAUTY met The Beast at Selhurst Park on Saturday but there was no fairy-tale ending. The hairy brutes of Wimbledon jumped all over the delicate blooms of Nottingham Forest, flattening them again in their 1-0 victory.

Or so it might seem. In fact, both these teams are failures of a sort: Forest have played entertainingly without being effective, Wimbledon have been effective without entertaining. And both have got their just deserts: Forest are on their way out of the Premier League, Wimbledon attract paltry crowds.

Even so, Wimbledon's story would make a better fairy-tale than Forest's. Having jumped onto the Football League beanstalk in 1977, they climbed rapidly, reaching the top branch in 1986, slaying the giant, Liverpool, to win the FA Cup in 1988, and living happily ever after.

But there is no romance to Wimbledon, their methods do not allow it. Despite the inclusion of a player named Scott Fitzgerald, their approach is more *Great Balls of Fire* than *The Great Gatsby*. Many teams' nerves have been shaken by the approach.

Forest, on the other hand, have style in abundance and, in Brian Clough, they have one of the great romantic leads of modern football. Unfortunately, Clough seems to have reached the decline and fall stage, and the threat of relegation has not diminished his wilfulness. With his team struggling to score goals, what does he do? Move his best goalscorer, who happens to be his son, into central defence.

It was the difference between a draw and defeat. Nigel Clough is one of the most skilful players in the country, but nobody would claim he is fast. He was marking Andy Clarke, one of the fastest — if least skilful — forwards in the league.

For much of the match, Clough's anticipation and beautifully timed tackling disguised his lack of speed, but just once, in the 33rd minute, he lost his concentration and Forest's hopes went with it. Segers punted the ball downfield, Holdsworth headed it on and Clough found himself a yard too far forward. The ball flew beyond him and, in an instant, Clarke was striding away to beat Marriott with ease.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; W Barton, B McAllister, L Sanchez (sub: D Blackwell), J Scales, S Fitzgerald, N Ardley (sub: P Fear), R Earle, P Miller, D Holdsworth, A Clarke.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: A Marriott; B Laws, B Williams, S Stone, C Tiler, R Keane, K Black (sub: L Glover), G Bannister, N Clough, R Rosario, I Woan.
Referee: K Barratt.

Gallacher fills the mould as Rovers give chase

Louise Taylor on the side that Jack Walker built playing its part in events at both ends of the league table

THE championship crown may have eluded him this season, but Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn Rovers manager, is destined to play kingmaker. His side is still to meet Aston Villa, on Wednesday at Ewood Park, and Manchester United, at Old Trafford on May 3.

Blackburn's commitment will not be in question, especially after they beat Sheffield United 3-1 at Bramall Lane. For they are not only chasing their highest league position since 1915 — third — but also a Uefa Cup place.

That is the least Jack Walker, the steel magnate behind Blackburn's rise, expects after spending £15 million on team-building. Walker is reputedly a little put out at the failure to collect a cup, at least, this season, but in truth, he should be more than satisfied.

A year on from sneaking into the Premier League via the play-offs, Blackburn have been transformed and Dalglish must take considerable credit. As should Dave Bassett, for keeping impecunious Sheffield United in the top flight for so long.

The spirit fostered by Bassett was behind the defeat of Blackburn in the FA Cup quarter-final, but there was a backlash on Saturday. Not content with having a say in the title, Rovers kept the relegation issue wide open.

Blackburn have become pragmatic this season: there was no room for sentiment when the maverick Wegerle went to Coventry in part-exchange for Gallacher, who made two goals, scored the other and looked as if he had been playing in blue and white halves for years rather than weeks.

Rumours abound of other changes, all of which could be pieces in a prize-winning jigsaw once Shearer returns. Ripley, especially, must have lamented the centre forward's absence as he saw his service from the right squandered, the most glaring by Newell.

United showed them how to score, going ahead through Hodges's left-foot drive after eight minutes, but with Pemberton personifying the shakiness of the home defence, Gallacher equalised. Rovers took a second-half lead through Newell, ironically from a chance more awkward than those he had wasted. Blackburn made sure of victory when Gallacher crossed for Sherwood to score, leaving them fourth from top and Sheffield fourth from bottom.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: A Kelly; K Gage, P Beesley, J Hoyland, B Geyle, J Pemberton, C Bradshaw (sub: M Ward), P Rogers, G Hodges, B Deane, D Whitehouse (sub: I Bryson).
BLACKBURN ROVERS: R Mimms; D May, G Le Saux, T Sherwood, N Marker, K Moran, S Ripley, G Cowans, K Gallacher, M Newell, J Wilcox.
Referee: D Allison


Dalglish: full credit

Fates delay Rangers' title party

THE misfortunes of two goalkeepers denied Rangers the opportunity to celebrate their fifth consecutive Scottish League championship on Saturday (Roddy Forsyth writes).

It was necessary for Rangers to beat Partick Thistle at Ibrox and for Aberdeen to drop a point at home to Heart of Midlothian if the title was to be won but when the news came through from Pittodrie that the Hearts goalkeeper, Nicky Walker, had injured himself in the warm-up, the Rangers supporters resigned themselves to a deferred party.

Maxwell, the Rangers goalkeeping replacement for Goram, further spoiled the show with an attempted clearance that gave Britton, the Thistle forward, a late goal. But two of Rangers' cadets had already set up a 3-1 win, McSwegan netting twice and Hagen adding another.

Baird, Hearts' stand-in goalkeeper, was beaten by Shearer, Paatelainen and Mason before Levein and Ferguson made Aberdeen hearts flutter, but the comeback came too late.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Weekly change			P	Pts	Goal diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Recent form
1	(0)	Manchester Utd	39	75	+31	21	(13-8)	12	(5-7)	6	(2-4)	60	(36-24)	29	(13-16)	ddwwww
2	(0)	Aston Villa	39	74	+22	21	(13-6)	11	(5-6)	7	(2-5)	56	(36-20)	34	(15-19)	wlwdww
3	(0)	Norwich	39	68	-3	20	(12-8)	8	(6-2)	11	(2-9)	56	(30-26)	59	(19-40)	wdwllw
4	(0)	Blackburn	38	62	+19	17	(11-6)	11	(4-7)	10	(4-6)	61	(34-27)	42	(18-24)	wwwlww
5	(0)	QPR	38	55	+5	15	(9-6)	10	(5-5)	13	(5-8)	57	(36-21)	52	(30-22)	ldldlw
6	(0)	Tottenham	37	55	0	15	(11-4)	10	(4-6)	12	(4-8)	53	(38-15)	53	(22-31)	ddwwlw
7	(-1)	Sheffield Wed	36	54	+7	14	(8-6)	12	(6-6)	10	(3-7)	49	(29-20)	42	(21-21)	wlddlw
8	(+5)	Liverpool	38	53	+3	14	(11-3)	11	(4-7)	13	(4-9)	52	(33-19)	49	(16-33)	wdlwdw
9	(-2)	Chelsea	40	53	-2	13	(8-5)	14	(7-7)	13	(5-8)	47	(27-20)	49	(21-28)	dwdlwl
10	(-3)	Manchester City	38	52	+7	14	(7-7)	10	(6-4)	14	(5-9)	52	(27-25)	45	(19-26)	dlwddl
11	(+1)	Wimbledon	39	52	+2	14	(9-5)	10	(4-6)	15	(7-8)	53	(31-22)	51	(21-30)	wdlwlw
12	(-3)	Coventry	40	51	-4	13	(7-6)	12	(3-9)	15	(10-5)	48	(28-22)	52	(25-27)	dlwdll
13	(-3)	Arsenal	36	50	+2	14	(7-7)	8	(4-4)	14	(6-8)	35	(20-15)	33	(16-17)	wwdlll
14	(0)	Southampton	40	50	-5	13	(10-3)	11	(6-5)	16	(4-12)	51	(30-21)	56	(20-36)	lllwld
15	(0)	Everton	39	49	-3	14	(7-7)	7	(5-2)	18	(7-11)	48	(26-22)	51	(25-26)	wlwwld
16	(0)	Leeds	38	48	-3	12	(12-0)	12	(7-5)	14	(1-13)	52	(39-13)	55	(16-39)	ddlwld
17	(0)	Ipswich	39	46	-6	10	(6-4)	16	(9-7)	13	(4-9)	44	(24-20)	50	(20-30)	ldllll
18	(+1)	Crystal Palace	38	45	-10	10	(5-5)	15	(9-6)	13	(5-8)	45	(24-21)	55	(22-33)	wddlwd
19	(-1)	Sheffield Utd	38	42	-5	11	(9-2)	9	(6-3)	18	(5-13)	45	(29-16)	50	(17-33)	lwwddl
20	(0)	Oldham	39	40	-14	10	(8-2)	10	(8-4)	19	(5-14)	55	(36-19)	69	(25-44)	wwdldl
21	(+1)	Nottm Forest	39	39	-18	10	(6-4)	9	(4-5)	20	(10-10)	39	(17-22)	57	(23-34)	wllwl
22	(-1)	Middlesbrough	39	37	-25	9	(7-2)	10	(4-6)	20	(8-12)	45	(27-18)	70	(24-46)	dllwll

Wycombe move into different league

By Walter Gammie

WYCOMBE Wanderers won promotion to the Football League on Saturday, but hardly in the grand manner, losing 2-0 to Altrincham before a crowd of 6,284 at Adams Park, whose main joy was the news of Slough Town's chase coming to a shuddering halt, 5-1 at Yeovil.

A flight to Gateshead yesterday for their fifth match in eight days was hardly the way to clear hangovers, but Wycombe gave a truer reflection of the way they have dominated this season's GM Vauxhall Conference with a 1-0 win.

Wycombe could sign off their life in non-League football with an unprecedented flourish: this week they play the first leg of the Drinkwise Cup final at Northwich Victoria, and on May 9 they will meet Runcorn in the FA Trophy final at Wembley.

Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe manager, said: "When I came here three years ago, the chairman asked me to help Wycombe into the Football League and that has been done. Wimbledon have been the flag-bearers. People look at them and think they have got a chance of repeating their feats. We have that chance. We have a super ground and a super team and are in good shape at the bank."

Brave away wins over promotion play-off contenders in the third division by bottom-placed Torquay — 1-0 at Shrewsbury — and Halifax Town — 2-0 at Bury — kept alive their chances of escaping the drop into the Conference and ensured that Northampton and Gillingham remain embroiled in the argument.

Southport clinched the HFS Loans League with a 4-0 win at Emley and joined Dover in having qualified, subject to their grounds meeting approval, for the Conference.

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PERSONAL TRAVELLER

Holiday money options

Millwall deserve better than defeat for brave display of youthful promise

Newcastle stay on Premier League path

David Miller watches

the first division leaders bounce back to maintain their push for promotion

PLAYING good football is not enough. Nottingham Forest have, uncomfortably, learnt this in the Premier League this season. Millwall did so on Saturday in the Barclays first division and Newcastle United, though beating Millwall by the odd goal in three, may themselves do so next season when, presumably, they are promoted.

After about 15 minutes at The Den, a radio commentator from Tyneside informed his audience that "the game has now quietened down". Nobody arriving at that moment would have guessed. Frenzied was still the most immediately obvious adjective for the action — yet both teams played more football along the ground, intelligently, than Wimbledon or Sheffield United have ever even thought about, let alone played.

A disturbing aspect of the match — as with almost every English professional match that takes place — was the level of tolerance from the referee, conditioned to an excess of physical challenge. Legitimate tackles were made with such ferocity — for example Lee, of Newcastle, on Goodman early in the match — that only the slightest misjudgement of timing was likely to result in injury to one or other player. It is no surprise that a player's active life has been reduced almost by half over the past 25 years.

Mick McCarthy has built an outstanding young Millwall side and it was an injustice that they should have lost after leading and have slid off the graph for play-off places into seventh position. Goodman's running off the ball from deep positions, Allen's intelligence in reading the defence's weak spots, Rae's drive from midfield — these deserved better than defeat.

Yet Newcastle, so harassed throughout much of the first half and seemingly headed for another defeat away from home, were transformed after half-time, coming from behind and finishing with something in hand. Whether the 3,000 or so loyalists who travelled from the north east to swell Millwall's attendance to more than 14,000 have to worry that their defence will be found wanting in the premier division is one thing.

There can be no doubt, however, that, up front, Clark, Kelly and the eel-like Cole — an expensive buy at £1.75 million, but on this performance worth the money — will frighten many of the supposedly senior clubs. Kevin Keegan should have as lively a season next time as this.

As early as the thirteenth minute, Allen had opened up Newcastle's somewhat square and static defence, setting Wallace free on the left and his sharp cross-shot was turned away by Srnicek for a corner. Wallace, on loan from Old Trafford, ran with characteristic vigour, but his colleagues were unable to relate to many of his moves.

Nevertheless, after 18 minutes, Millwall, deseredly, went in front. Barber, always active, pursued a half-chance to the byline on the right and, as he attempted to cross the ball acutely, he was smothered by Bracewell's sliding tackle. The ball screwed up in the air and over Srnicek, who had come to cover on the near post, dropping behind him embarrassingly and in off the far post.

Kilcline, at the heart of Newcastle's defence, looking with his moustache and pony-tail like the baddie in some B movie western, was repeatedly at full stretch, but Clark and Kelly were beginning to open Millwall's defence.

Just on the half-hour, Millwall should have gone two goals up when Cooper struck the left-hand post following a free-kick from 25 yards and the rebound was knocked against the same post by Allen. Yet, from this moment, the tide was beginning to turn.

Just on half-time, Cole hooked over the bar from 20 yards, Clark went close from the edge of the penalty area a minute after the interval and, midway through the second half, it was Clark who stabbed the equaliser after Cole had set up the opening.

Now Millwall were in trouble as Cole twisted this way and that past defenders and it was his opportunism, fastening on to a downward header from Kilcline, that brought the winner in the 73rd minute. Millwall's authority had gone, but this team will come again.

Afterwards, McCarthy, agreed that his side merited at least a point: "We played well, we deserved better but we gave them tywo goals from defensive errors. I said we needed three wins to reach the play-offs, but we have only three games left. It looks less and less likely."

MILLWALL: K Keller; K Cunningham, I Dawes, A Roberts, C Cooper, G McGuire, A Rae, D Wallace (sub: T Geyner), M Allen, J Goodman (sub: T Dolby), P Barber.
NEWCASTLE UNITED: P Srnicek; B Venison, J Beresford, P Bracewell, K Scott, B Kilcline, R Lee, A Cole, D Kelly, L Clark, S Sellars.
Referee: V Callow.



Flying forward: Cole, of Newcastle, confronts the Millwall defender, Cooper

Houdini's power puts Leng back in the prizes

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

VIRGINIA Leng, the former three-day event world champion, underlined her form for Badminton next month when, riding Welton Houdini, she won the advanced section at the Pedigree Chum Belton horse trials in Lincolnshire yesterday.

The excellent going and the inviting course provided a superb warm-up for Badminton. The results of the four advanced sections read like a *Who's Who* of eventing. Kristina Gifford, tenth at Badminton last year, was second on Song and Dance Man in Leng's section and Blyth Tait, the world champion from New Zealand, was third on Tempo.

Tait also won Section N on Delta, one of his two Badminton entries. The other two sections were won by Mary Thomson, on King Boris, and Pippa Nolan, on Heron's Flight.

Leng had a superb cross-country round on Houdini, the horse from which she had a fall at last year's rain-soaked Badminton. The ten-year-old gelding was one of only a handful to jump the big corner at the fourteenth fence. "He just powered round," Leng, who flew to Italy last night on a teaching assignment, said. "He has been hunting all winter which has done him a lot of good. But he is getting quite strong now — I may have to use a different bit."

Thomson has solved her bit problems with her hard-pulling Olympic horse, King William. Now ridden in an American cherry roller gag he was the model of obediency when finishing third in section L. Next month, they attempt to defend their Badminton title.

Tait's form suggests he will be one of Thomson's main rivals. In addition to his Section N win and his third place in Section K — in which he and Gifford had the fastest rounds — he was also fifth on Ricochet, his second Badminton entry.

Nolan, whose Heron's Flight is also heading for Badminton, had a mixed day. She had a fall at fence eight, the Elephant Trap, on Cartoon, but was clear on Metronome, who was allowed to compete *hors concours* after being rerouted to Belton following the cancellation of Brigstock last weekend.

RESULTS (GB unless stated): Advanced Section K: 1, Welton Houdini (V Leng), 45pt, 2, Song and Dance Man (K Gifford), 49; 3, Tempo (B Tait, NZ), 49. Section L: 1, Heron's Flight (P Nolan), 38, 2, Haig (L Law), 46; 3, King William (M Thomson), 47. Section M: 1, King Boris (Thomson), 44; 2, Straight Point (A Harnus), 45, 3, Paddy's Image (C Brown), 52. Section N: 1, Delta (Tait), 34; 2, Emerpnse V (C Landolt, Switz), 45; 3, Troubleshooter (H Bell), 48.

Robinson ready for the midnight bell

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

A CINDERELLA story came true for a little-known Welshman on Saturday. Steve Robinson, a sparring partner who was training for an eliminator for the British featherweight title, came in at 48 hours' notice and became a world champion. He became Wales's first world champion since Howard Winstone 25 years ago by outpointing John Davison, of Newcastle, for the vacant World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title at Washington.

Robinson's stroke of luck came when the world champion, Rubén Palacio, failed the HIV test, the title was declared vacant and, according to the promoters, Robinson was the only suitable opponent available.

However, his "stroke of midnight" will come in 120 days when he will find out if he is truly a champion. He will have to face Colin McMillan, the former champion, who suffered a dislocated shoulder in his bout with Palacio last September and lost his title.

The WBO agreed to sanction the bout between Davison and Robinson on the understanding that the winner would not have the usual year for voluntary defences but would have to make a mandatory defence against the top challenger in 120 days. McMillan was back in the gym last week after an operation.

Barry Hearn, the promoter, is hoping to put the bout on at a football ground in Cardiff. Robinson is not daunted by the superior boxing skills of McMillan. Dai Gardiner, Robinson's manager, said: "Two years ago we would not have touched McMillan. Now we'll shut him down."

The bout on Saturday, though full of honest endeavour, was not of world championship quality. Davison, aged 34, had lost much of his old fire in five months of waiting for Palacio, who twice called off the bout, and Robinson lost his way in the second half.

I thought Davison outworked Robinson to win by a round but Robinson, 24, got the verdict by that margin on a split decision. At 24, Robinson has plenty of room for improvement and could look very impressive by the time he meets McMillan, though Davison thought that McMillan would be too good for him. "Colin will box his head off," Davison said.

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Walsh heads for victory in promotion scramble



Walsh: vital goal

Keith Pike watches as the straight man in the first division's most feared striking team keeps Portsmouth on track for the big time

THE partnership of Guy Whittingham and Paul Walsh may not have been made in heaven, but it continues to strike fear into first division defences and keep Portsmouth, who beat Notts County 1-0 at Meadow Lane on Saturday, on course for automatic promotion.

To call them the odd couple would be going too far, but Whittingham and Walsh seemingly ignore the rules which insist that opposites make the most attractive combination. Neither is physically intimidating — Whittingham, at 5ft 10in, is the more powerfully built, but both look frail alongside the standard 6ft-plus 12st central defender — and neither is blessed with exceptional pace, although both have a good first touch and excellent close control.

Apart from their demeanour (Whittingham, with his shirt tucked in, a haircut reminiscent of his army days and not a word out of place; Walsh scruffy, abrasive and still in need of a trim), the biggest contrast between the two this season has been in the most important category of all, goalscoring.

Whittingham's 45 all told have put every other striker in England in the shade, rewritten the Portsmouth records, and strangely failed to secure a lucrative transfer to one of the Premier League's elite. Until last Monday, Walsh's contribution had stood at five. So much for share and share alike.

Walsh, though, has never let it worry him, and as Portsmouth have taken 31 points out of a possible 33, it is he who has turned promotion push into shove. Last Monday he got two against Derby, and on Saturday it was the only goal at Meadow Lane against Notts County — a splendid finish to make irrelevant an unimpressive performance by Portsmouth, who were second best for long periods. "I guess the pressure will show through, whether you are top or bottom," Jim Smith, Portsmouth manager, said. "It is nervous nineties time."

Not for Walsh it isn't. Saturday's goal was the hundredth of his league career. "He was unlucky with injuries and illness before Christmas, but he's worked hard all season and has rarely got the credit or the goals he has deserved," Smith said.

Notts County would testify to Walsh's opportunism. During their recent revival — seven wins and a draw in eight home games since Mike Walker replaced Neil Warnock at the helm — they had turned Meadow Lane into Fort Knox, having not conceded a goal there for the best part of 11 hours. Then, for a moment midway through the second half, it seemed Group 4 had been put in charge of security. Nobody picked up Kristensen at a throw-in on the right and, more critically, Walsh escaped his markers eight yards out when the cross came in. A flicked header out of Cherry's reach, and the game was won.

With Whittingham himself so restricted for space and opportunity that he was eventually replaced, Portsmouth were indebted to their goalkeeper, Knight, as much as they were to Walsh. He had earlier saved well from Agana and Reeves, and brilliantly from Draper. A case, perhaps, of County calling the tune, and Portsmouth showing that they are not a one-man band.

NOTTS COUNTY: S Cherry; C Short (sub: K Wilson), M Johnson, D Thomas, P Cox, R Walker, A Agana, M Draper, D Reeves, P Devlin, D Smith (sub: G Lund).
PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; A Awford, G Butlers, A McLoughlin (sub: W Aspinall), K Symons, R Daniel, W Neill, M Chamberlain, P Walsh, G Whittingham (sub: G Lawrence), B Kristensen.
Referee: W Burns.

WEEKEND'S RESULTS AND TABLES

Yesterday

Coca-Cola Cup

Final

ARSENAL (1) 2 Merson 18 Morrow 68 — SHEFF WED (1) 1 Harkes 9 74,007

FA Premier League

LEEDS (0) 0 — C PALACE (0) 0 — 27,545
LIVERPOOL (2) 4 Walters 16, 33, 50 (pen), Burrows 75 — COVENTRY (0) 0 — 33,338
MAN UTD (2) 3 Hughes 23 Clarke (og) 44 Cantona 48 — CHELSEA (0) 0 — 40,199
SHEFF UTD (1) 1 Hodges 6 18,186 — BLACKBURN (1) 3 Gallacher 39 Newell 54 Sherwood 68
SOUTHMPTN (0) 0 — EVERTON (0) 0 — 16,911
TOTTENHAM (0) 4 Sheringham 58 82 (2 pens) Anderton 70 Turner 84 — OLDHAM (1) 1 Beckford 25 26,663
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 Clarke 32 — NOTTM F (0) 0 — 9,358

Yesterday

ASTON VILLA (0) 0 — MAN CITY (1) 1
Saunders 47 Parker 67 (pen) Houghton 69 — Quinn 34 — 33,108

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier League: Bognor 0, Enfield 6; Dulwich 0, Aylesbury 1; Hendon 1, Kingstonian 0; St Albans 5, Marlow 1, Staines 1, Harrow 0, Stevenage 0, Basingstoke 2; Sutton 1, Grays 1, Wokingham 5, Hayes 0; Yeading 1, Windsor 0. First division: Croydon 2, Chalfont St Peter 4; Heybridge Swifts 1, Lewes 2; Hitchin 2, Bishop's Stortford 3; Leyton 2, Barking 1; Maidenhead 3, Billericay 1; Uxbridge 0, Tooting and Mitcham 2, Walton and Hersham 1, Wembley 0; Whyteleafe 1, Molesey 2. Second division: Chertsey 2, Rainham 4, Edgware 0, Berkhamsted 3; Hampton 2, Barton Rovers 0, Harefield 3, Banstead 2; Hemel Hempstead 1, Ruislip Manor 4; Leatherhead 3, Hungerford 0; Metropolitan Police 3, Southall 2; Newbury 1, Saffron Walden 1; Tilbury 1, Egham 1; Ware 0, Malden Vale 3; Witham 1, Worthing 5. Third division: Camberley 0, Leighton 3; East Thurrock 4, Feltham and Hounslow B 2; Epsom and Ewell 1, Aldershot 2; Hertford 1, Cove 2; Homenurch 5, Flackwell Heath 2; Kingsbury 3, Hersham 0; Petersfield 0, Royston 4; Thame 2, Collier Row 0; Tring 4, Bracknell 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 2, Barrow 1; Burton 0, Accrington Stanley 1, Colwyn Bay 1, Chorley 0; Droylsden 0, Leek 1; Emley 0, Southey 0; Droylsden 0, Leek 1; Emley 0, Southport 4; Frickley 2, Morecambe 0; Matlock 3, Gcole 3, Whitley Bay 0, Hyrwich 1; Winsford 5, Marine 1. First division: Caernarfon 2, Bridlington 2; Congleton 0, Netherfield 4; Gretna 3, Ashton 0; Gusseley 3, Workspo 1; Knowsley 4, Workington 1; Radcliffe Borough 1, Eastwood 0; Rossendale 1, Harrogate 6, Shepshed 1, Farsley Celtic 1

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 2, Armthorpe 1, Wellare 0, Belper 2, Spennymoor 3, Brigg 1, Pontefract Col 0; Glasshoughton Wel 2 Winterton Rangers 0, Liversedge 3, Ossett Albion 2, Farnby 3, Harrogate Rs 0, Ossett Town 1, Maltby MW 1, Eccleshill 1, North Ferriby 3, Harrogate Rs 0, Ossett Albion 2, Stocksbridge P Sx 2, Thackley 1, Pickering 4. NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 0, Billingham Synthonia 1; Durham City 1, Peterlee Newtown 0, Easington Colliery 1, Stockton 1, Fernhill 1, Murton 1; Gusborough 1, Seaham Red Star 2, Hebburn 3, Tow Law 1, Newcastle Blue Star 3, South Bank 0, West Auckland 0, Consett 4.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool 3, Kidsgrove 0, Burscough 1, Newcastle 0, Chadderton 3, Bacup Borough 1; Clitheroe 2, Blackpool Mechanics 0; Darwen 0, Glossop NE 3, Eastwood Hanley 0, Bradford Park Avenue 2, Flixton 1, Salford 0, Nantwich 2; Penrith 1, Prescot 0, Atherton LR 1; St Helens 1, Maine Road 2; Skelmersdale 0, Bamber Bridge 5.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 3, Trowbridge 2; Corby 4, Weymouth 0, Crawley 1, Atherstone 1, Dorchester 2, Hednesford 2; Dowty 0, Cheltenham 1, Gloucester 1, Chelmsford 0, Halesowen 0, Hastings 2, V S Rugby 2, Moor Green 1; Waterlooville 0, Burton 1, Worcester 3, Bashley 0. Midland division: Bedworth 0, King's Lynn 1; Dudley 1, Yate 1, Forest Green 1, Redditch 4; Grantham 3, Stourbridge 3; Hinckley 1, Bridgnorth 0, Leicester 5, Evesham 2; Nuneaton Borough 1, Barn 3; RC Warwick 0, Gresley 2; 1, Rushden Diamonds 2, Sutton Coldfield 0, Tamworth 1, Bilston 1, Weston-super-Mare 3, Newport AFC 0, Southern division: Andover 1, Burnham 2; Baldock 1, Newport IoW 0, Buckingham 0, Margate 0; Canterbury 1, Salisbury 2; Erith and Belvedere 3, Bury 2; Fareham 5, Weaidstone 1; Fisher 0, Witney 1; Havent 0, Ashford 3; Sittingbourne 3, Braintree 1; Sudbury 5, Poole 1.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightlingsea 1, Lowestoft 0; Chatteris 3, Felixstowe 0; Gorleston 0, Wisbech 3; Halstead 1, Brantham Athletic 0; Harwich and Parkeston 0, Great Yarmouth 0; Haverhill Rovers 0, Norwich 0; Histon 1, Stowmarket 1; March 3, Cornard 0; Newmarket 0, Fakenham 0; Tiptree 1, Diss 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 3, Dawlish 0; Clevedon 0, Tiverton 0, Elmore 2, Westbury 0; Liskeard 2, Minehead 2; Paulton 2, Bideford 0; Taunton 3, Torrington 1; Torquay 1, Saltash 2. Yesterday: Saltash 0, Mangotsfield 1.

Barclays League

First division

BARNSLEY	(1)	3	SOUTHEND	(1)	1
Williams 38, 51, 69			Collymore 6		
3,855					
BRISTOL R	(1)	1	CAMBRIDGE	(1)	1
Saunders 39			Butler 30		
3,929					
DERBY	(0)	2	GRIMSBY	(1)	1
Simpson 73 Kitson 84			Woods 21		
12,428					
HULL	(2)	3	BOURNEMTH	(0)	0
Hunter 3 France 33, 52					
MANSFIELD	(0)	0	WEST BROM	(2)	3
6,659			Hunt 1 Taylor 39 Hoggs 75		
PLYMOUTH	(2)	3	BRIGHTON	(1)	2
Cassie 20 Burrows 29			Nogbo 12, 90		
McCall 67			4,524		
PRESTON	(0)	1	LEYTON ORIENT	(3)	4
5,121			Harvey 2 Lakin 3		
PETERBORO	(0)	1	BRISTOL CITY	(0)	1
Barnes 67			Tinnion 49		
5,189					
SUNDERLAND	(1)	2	LUTON	(0)	2
Goodman 31, 87			Preece 49 Telfer 90		
15,493					
SWINDON	(0)	1	LEICESTER	(1)	1
Taylor 71			Walsh 21		
15,428					
WATFORD	(1)	1	BIRMINGHAM	(0)	0
Clarkey 32			9,186		
WEST HAM	(1)	4	BRENTFORD	(0)	0
Butler 17 Keen 68			16,522		
Morley 72 M Allen 90					
WOLVES	(0)	0	TRANMERE	(2)	2
13,060			Higgins 19 Proctor 26		

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	42	13	6	1	48	13	12	3	7	32	23	84
Portsmouth	43	17	2	2	44	8	7	8	7	31	33	82
West Ham	43	14	5	2	46	16	9	5	8	29	29	79
Swindon	43	15	5	2	40	20	9	7	8	32	34	75
Leicester	42	13	4	4	39	23	8	5	8	27	30	72
Tranmere	42	13	4	4	44	22	8	4	9	23	31	71
Millwall	43	13	6	2	45	18	4	10	8	18	29	67
Grimsby	43	12	6	4	33	23	7	7	13	24	29	64
Derby	41	9	1	10	35	32	8	6	7	27	22	58
Wolves	43	10	6	5	34	25	5	7	9	20	26	58
Charlton	43	9	8	5	25	18	6	5	10	17	30	58
Barnsley	43	11	4	6	38	18	5	7	9	12	25	59
Peterborough	42	9	10	2	31	22	9	2	10	24	35	57
Watford	43	7	7	7	25	25	6	6	10	29	39	52
Bristol City	42	9	5	6	25	24	4	6	12	20	42	50
Luton	43	6	12	4	36	28	4	7	10	20	33	49
Notts County	42	9	6	6	29	19	2	8	11	21	46	47
Sunderland	42	8	6	7	30	27	4	5	11	14	30	47
Southend	42	7	8	6	30	21	4	5	12	19	35	46
Brentford	43	6	6	10	25	29	6	4	11	23	35	46
Oxford Utd	41	7	6	8	26	19	4	7	9	21	33	46
Birmingham	43	9	3	9	29	32	3	7	12	17	37	46
Cambridge	43	7	6	9	25	31	3	6	9	18	36	42
Bristol Rovers	43	6	5	11	17	36	3	5	13	21	43	37

Second division

BRADFORD	(1)	2	BOLTON	(0)	1
McCarthy 19			McGinlay 46		
Mchugh 85			8,813		
BURNLEY	(1)	3	EXETER	(0)	1
Heath 45 86			Jepson 59		
Saunders 39			7,332		
CHESTER	(0)	0	HUDDERSFIELD	(0)	2
3,019			Dunn 77 Cooper 82		
FULHAM	(1)	1	BLACKPOOL	(0)	0
Scott 25			4,633		
HULL	(2)	3	BOURNEMTH	(0)	0
Hunter 3 France 33, 52			3,442		
MANSFIELD	(0)	0	WEST BROM	(2)	3
6,659			Hunt 1 Taylor 39 Hoggs 75		
PLYMOUTH	(2)	3	BRIGHTON	(1)	2
Cassie 20 Burrows 29			Nogbo 12, 90		
McCall 67			4,524		
PRESTON	(0)	1	LEYTON ORIENT	(3)	4
5,121			Harvey 2 Lakin 3		
PETERBORO	(0)	1	BRISTOL CITY	(0)	1
Barnes 67			Tinnion 49		
5,189					
SUNDERLAND	(1)	2	LUTON	(0)	2
Goodman 31, 87			Preece 49 Telfer 90		
15,493					
SWINDON	(0)	1	LEICESTER	(1)	1
Taylor 71			Walsh 21		
15,428					
WATFORD	(1)	1	BIRMINGHAM	(0)	0
Clarkey 32			9,186		
WEST HAM	(1)	4	BRENTFORD	(0)	0
Butler 17 Keen 68			16,522		
Morley 72 M Allen 90					
WOLVES	(0)	0	TRANMERE	(2)	2
13,060			Higgins 19 Proctor 26		

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	42	15	3	2	38	12	10	8	3	32	23	84
Port Vale	42	13	7	2	41	17	10	5	7	29	24	79
West Brom	42	16	3	3	46	20	7	6	8	29	31	78
Bristol R	41	15	2	3	47	14	7	7	7	29	25	75
Blackpool	42	11	10	1	47	18	7	4	9	31	35	68
Leyton Orient	43	15	4	3	45	16	4	5	12	19	30	66
Brighton	43	12	4	5	32	20	7	5	10	27	33	66
Bradford	43	11	5	5	33	22	6	9	7	31	39	65
Reading	42	13	3	5	47	19	4	10	7	20	26	64
Swansea	40	8	7	3	28	15	8	6	8	27	28	61
Rotherham	41	9	7	4	30	20	6	5	8	25	31	59
Barnsley	43	11	7	4	36	19	4	7	10	18	33	59
Fulham	43	11	6	5	23	21	6	6	8	26	31	58
Plymouth	43	11	5	5	36	25	4	6	11	18	35	56
Huddersfield	43	8	8	6	25	21	6	3	12	22	35	51
Hull	43	9	5	7	27	22	4	6	11	17	37	50
Bournemouth	42	8	9	4	27	22	4	6	11	17	39	48
Wolverhampton	43	7	6	9	17	23	5	6	10	21	34	48
Preston	43	8	5	9	40	42	5	3	12	24	43	47
Blackpool	43	8	9	4	36	26	3	5	14	21	43	47
Exeter	42	5	7	9	24	27	6	7	8	27	38	47
Mansfield	42	7	7	7	33	31	3	3	15	13	42	40
Wigan	43	6	6	10	26	32	4	4	12	15	31	40
Chester	43	6	2	14	28	44	2	3	16	17	47	28

Third division

BURY	(0)	1	HALIFAX	(1)	2
Adelaola 53			Patterson 44 German 85		
3,069					
CARLISLE	(0)	0	HEREFORD	(0)	0
2,527					
DONCASTER	(1)	2	CHESTERFLD	(1)	1
Reddish 35 Heritage 46			Lemon 7		
2,441					
LINCOLN	(1)	1	ROCHDALE	(0)	2
Lee 37			Bowdon 62, 66		
2,922					
SCUNTHRPE	(1)	1	DARLINGTN	(1)	3
Goodacre 32			Shaw 23		
2,774			Mantlenborough 60, 85		
SHREWSBURY	(0)	0	TORQUAY	(1)	1
3,082			Darby 31		
WALSALL	(0)	1	CREWE	(0)	0
Cascre 89			4,643		
WREXHAM	(0)	0	CARDIFF	(2)	2
10,852			Griffith 26 Blake 39		
YORK	(1)	1	SCARBORO	(0)	0
Pepper 38 (pen)			5,993		

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	40	12	7	1	40	19	11	1	8	32	27	77
York	41	13	6	2	41	15	8	6	6	31	29	75
Barnet	38	15	3	1	40	18	7	8	6	25	25	75
Wrexham	39	12	3	4	41	22	9	8	4	25	26	71
Walsall	38	10	6	4	39	30	8	1	9	26	30	61
Bury	38	10	7	3	35	17	7	2	10	25	34	60
Crewe	37	10	3	4	35	20	7	4	9	28	32	58
Shrewsbury	38	11	2	6	32	25	5	8	6	18	19	58
Lincoln	38	9	6	4	28	18	7	2	10	23	31	56
Scunthorpe	37	11	3	5	35	26	5	2	11	25	38	53
Rochdale	39	8	3	8	35	28	6	7	7	31	36	52
Scarborough	38	7	6	7	30	25	6	5	8	19	27	51
Darlington	39	7	4	9	30	32	6	6	8	28	29	49
Carlisle	39	7	5	8	29	26	4	5	10	19	33	43
Doncaster	39	6	4	9	20	23	4	9	7	18	29	43
Hereford	38	7	9	4	31	25	2	5	12	15	33	41
Gillingham	40	8	4	8	30	28	0	9	11	15	34	37
Northampton	38	6	5	9	19	25	4	2	12	24	40	37
Halifax	39	3	5	11	20	35	5	4	10	25	31	36
Torquay	38	5	3	10	15	23	5	3	12	26	41	36

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry 2, Holywell 0; Caersws 2, Llanelli 2; Connah's Quay 2, Abergavenny 1; Conwy 3, Aberystwyth 1; Ebbw Vale 1, Mold 1; Flint 2, Rhyl 2; Afan Lido 0; Missisag Park 5, Bangor 0; Newtown 4, Haverfordwest 3; Porthmadog 2, Inter Cardiff 0. Postponed: Cwmbran v Llanidloes.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 1, Coleraine 1; Bangor 3, Cliftonville 1; Crusaders 1, Arda 1; Distillery 3, Portadown 0; Glenavon 2, Ballyclare 1; Glentoran 1, Lintield 2; Larne 4, Carrick 1; Newry 0, Omagh 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 0, Southampton 2; Brighton 3, Wimbledon 3, Portsmouth 1, Bristol City 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 1, Norwich 1; Charlton 1, Southend 1; Chelsea 3, Tottenham 1, Fulham 1, Arsenal 6, QPR 5, Leyton Orient 2; Watford 0, Gillingham 1. Second division: Bournemouth 1, Swindon 0; Brighton 3, Bristol Rovers 3; Crystal Palace 1, Colchester 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Crouch End Vampires 2, Carshalton 1; O Bromleians 1, Noresmen 2; O Parkonians 3, South Bank Poly 1. Second division: Bank of England 0, East Barnet OG 1; Broomfield 3, Polytechnic 2; Lansbury 5, Southgate Olympic 0; O Solesians 3, Kew Association 2; O Stationere 3, Barclays Bank 1. Third division: Alleyn OB 0, O Latymerians 1; Merton 1, O Parmeterians 3; O Lyonians 3, Brentham 2; O Westminster Citizens 2, Royal Bank of Scotland 0.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cholmeleians 7 Bradfieldians 1. First division: Ardinians 0 Harrovians 4; Brenwoods 5 Aldenhamians 0; Haileybuntans 3 Foresters 8.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning 2, Wilsonians 2; Enfield 1, Meadonians 2; Glyn 1 Danes 0.

OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Second division: City of London 1 Academicals 5, Ealing 1; O Farnborough 0, Farnborough 1; Lewortby 66 842; Hazel 80 (pen) 2,451.

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DAGENHAM R (2) 2 Bickerdson 23 Blackford 44 — BATH (0) 1 Crowley 64 924
GATESHEAD (0) 4 Formby 50 Lamb 66, 69 Dobson 79 — MERTHYR 343
KIDDERMINSTER (2) 2 Cartwright 17 Benton 31 — TELFORD (0) 1 Mulligan 49
1,521
MACCLSFLD (0) 0 — BROMSGROVE (1) 2
804 — Wilkinhouse 10, 79 (pen)
RUNCORN (3) 4 McKenna 7 Brabin 17 Connor (og) 45 Parker 73 — WITTON (1) 4 Senior 42 Thomas 53 Alford 70 Connor 88
753
STAFFORD (0) 1 Maitland 57 — NORTHWICH (0) 0
953
STALYBRIDGE (0) 0 — KETTERING (0) 0
805
WELLING (0) 3 Hone 74 Abbott 79 Dennis 90 — FARNBOROUGH (0) 1 Lewortby 66
842
WYCOMBE (0) 0 — ALTRINCHM (1) 2
6,284 — Francis 13 Tunnicliffe 67
YEOVIL (3) 5 Batty 9, 28 Spencer 35, 60 Cooper 55 — SLOUGH (0) 1 Hazel 80 (pen)
2,451

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Wyc												

Mansell drives through pain barrier to set pace on return

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

ALMOST overcome by his own achievement and swayed, perhaps, by the obvious adoration of the Californian crowd, Nigel Mansell lapsed into a melodramatic appraisal of his week so far after setting the fastest qualifying time for yesterday's IndyCar road race here.

"This is the most important pole position of my career," he said, after finishing 0.2sec ahead of Paul Tracy. "Only I will ever know how difficult this week has been and it is unbelievable to be in this position."

Still suffering from the effects of a high-speed collision with the concrete wall in practice at Phoenix a fortnight ago, Mansell's physical discomfort has been plain to see and has increased the enthusiasm of the crowd for his performance.

Mansell has been the wounded hero. Pictures of his face contorted in agony stared from the front pages of several of Saturday's local newspapers and when he began a long round of "thank yous" in the post-qualifying press conference, his Florida doctors were top of the list.

The 39-year-old Englishman is famous for thriving on adversity and while his injuries may have had a limiting effect physically, mentally they are obviously spurring him on.

Added to his masterful performance in Surfers Paradise, in the first event of the series last month, Mansell's performance here has confirmed his superiority over the other drivers on this circuit in road races that may make his unfamiliarity with Oval tracks irrelevant.

The reigning Formula One world champion is always eager to emphasise how high the standards are in his new code but he has managed to outrun his rivals here when he is clearly some way short of full fitness, and it seems only mechanical problems or the effects of his injuries can rob him of victory.

"I am still hurting," he said after obtaining pole. "But qualifying is tougher than the race itself. We touched the wall twice today which shows you just how hard we were pushing. There is only the race to go and I am going to have some intensive physiotherapy tonight to get me ready."

Mansell also seems to have responded to the ritzy atmosphere pervading this event, the IndyCar equivalent of the Monaco grand prix. When a member of the Baywatch television cast hugged him after qualifying and asked him how he had been able to bear the pain, Mansell grimaced and said: "You just drive on adrenalin until the car stops. Maybe it is the lion painted on the side of my car that keeps me going."

Although Mansell is still far from a household name in the United States, his participation in this event has created a flood of interest with over 200,000 people expected to attend the three-day extravaganza. The best-selling T-shirt here features a picture of Mansell's Red 5 car, a Union Jack and the daunting slogan "something wicked this way comes".

He has driven in Long Beach before, in the early 1980s, when the US grand prix West was held here. His best result was seventh place in a Lotus but he said he had fond memories of the track.

"It was a little different then to now and some of the sweeps down to the waterfront were very interesting but the changes they have made have improved it if anything."

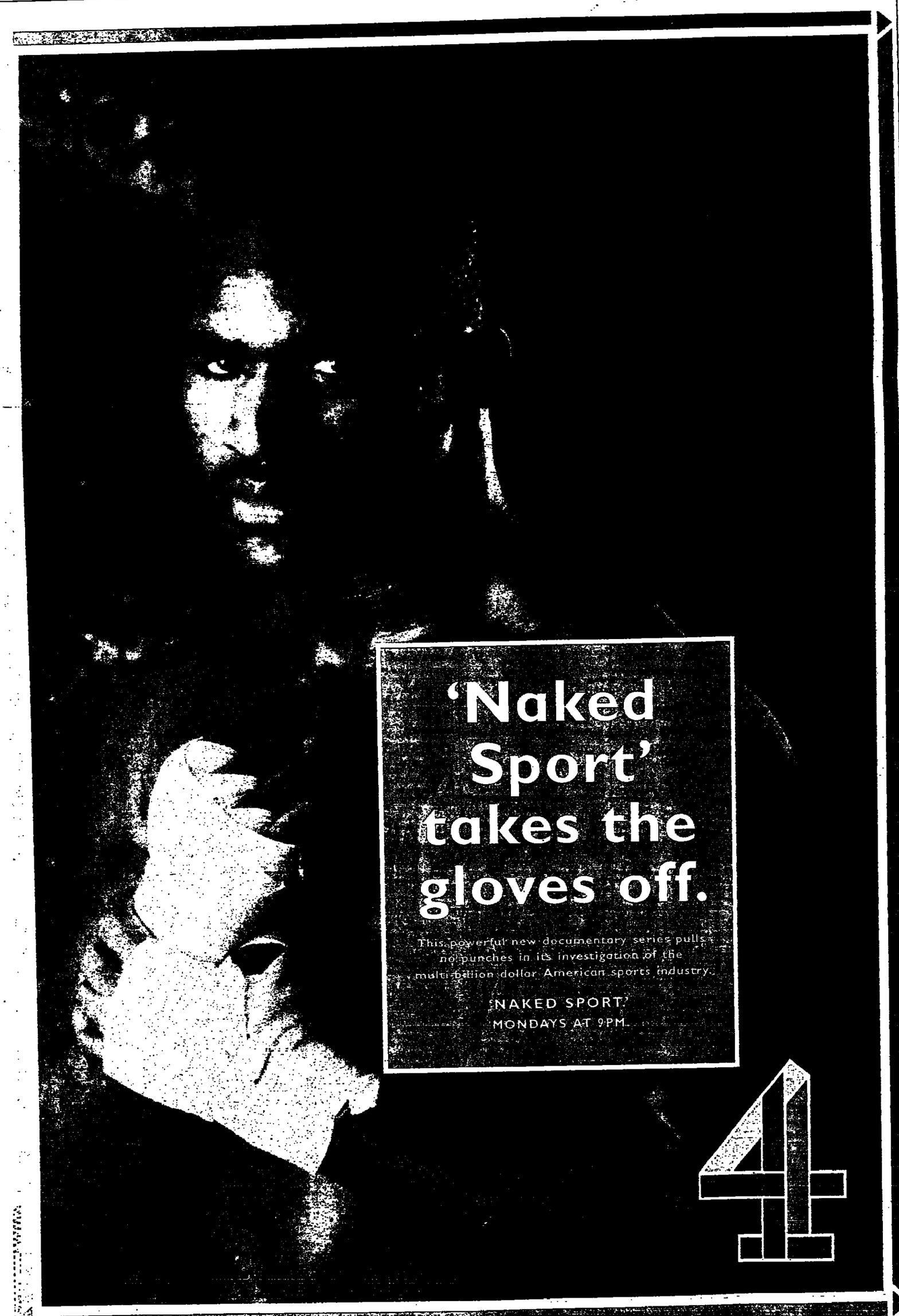
Mansell's team-mate, Mario Andretti, finished sixth in qualifying behind the Englishman, the Penskes of Tracy and Emerson Fittipaldi, Scott Goodyear and the former Formula One driver, Stefan Johansson.

PRACTICE TIMES

LEADING QUALIFIERS: 1, N Mansell (GB), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 108.198mph (qualifying record); 2, P Tracy (Can), Penske-Chevrolet C, 107.705; 3, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske-Chevrolet C, 107.548; 4, S Goodyear (Can), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 107.529; 5, S Johansson (Swe), 1992 Penske-Chevrolet C, 107.247; 6, M Andretti (US), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 107.236; 7, T Fabi (It), Lola-Chevrolet C, 106.875; 8, A Unser Jr (US), Lola-Chevrolet C, 106.505; 9, R Boesel (Br), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 106.493; 10, E Cheever (US), 1992 Penske-Chevy B, 106.464.



On the road again: Mansell passes his pit signal during a qualifying run in Long Beach at the weekend



Bodfari rises to easier obstacles

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

BODFARI had three attempts to make the grade in The Times Rising Stars qualifiers but was let down by her poor jumping of fences under Rules. She found the obstacles at the **Cheshire Forest** point-to-point on Saturday much more to her liking, and under Robert Jones came home two lengths ahead of the favourite, Equity Player, in the open.

This was a blow for Alistair Crow, the rider of the second and current leader in the title race, who had only one success, Scally Muire, from four rides.

This single winner took his total to 16, leaving him one ahead of Johnny Greenall, who scored on Alpha One and Itendra at the **Grove and Rufford**. The interest of Caroline Saunders, the trainer of these two, however, was at Bangor, where Teaplanter, another of her charges, was making his return to the racecourse after an absence of two months since falling at Sandown.

He ran a fair race to be second but was well beaten by Toureen Prince. Julian Pritchard on the winner had given up some promising rides between the flags, temporarily abandoning his chase for the title. This once again brought into question the need for running hunter chases on Saturdays.

Alison Dare at the **Portman** had one ride only but was beaten on Village Dawn by Synderborough Lad, ridden by Mike Felton. Nevertheless, she still leads by one for the Sporting Life Trophy as Jo Cumings had an unhappy afternoon at the **Axe Vale**. Khattaf went lame when leading two out and was pulled up in the ladies', while Flame O'Frensi fail to give 9lb to Conclusive in the confined.

Final Chant made a winning return to the track in the **Bedale** open after chiropractic treatment on his back but the race was marred by the collapse and death of Wayne Burnell's useful hunter chaser and point-to-pointer Polygonum. Mike Sowersby was deputising on the winner for Howard Brown, who was at Stratford on Ellerton Hill, second in the hunter chase in which Sheer Jest enhanced his already high reputation.

Most successful riders on Saturday, each having first-time trebles, were Michael Miller at the Portman and Pauline Robson at the Bedale.



Felton: Portman winner

RESULTS FROM 11 MEETINGS

AXE VALE HARRIERS (Stafford Cross): Hunt: 1, Microlighter (Mrs L Glanville, 2-1); 2, Silver Zip; 3, Pensive Beauty. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Conclusive (J Sprake, 9-2); 2, Flame O'Frensi; 3, Lucky Hanassi. 8 ran. Open: 1, Mr Murdock (T Mitchell, Evens fav); 2, Friendly Lady; 3, Ash Jim Boy. 7 ran. Tatlinger Ladies: 1, Rural Outfit (Miss P Curling, 5-2); 2, Cream By Post; 3, Watersmeet Down. 7 ran. Intermediate: 1, Strobe Light (Miss T Dare, 3-1); 2, Brimstone Hill; 3, Cordiglia. 7 ran. Restricted L: 1, Island Forest (P King, 7-4 fav); 2, Dubit; 3, Elver Panto. 10 ran. Rest: 1, Hartley Wood (Miss P Curling, 4-5 fav); 2, Tiffanys Nedine; 3, Mystic Monkey. 9 ran.

BEDALE & WEST OF YORE (Hornby Castle). Confined: 1, Pennine Pride (Miss S Hunter, 4-7 fav); 2, Flying Lion, 3, Tancred Way. 10 ran. Rest: 1, Cot Lane (R Walmsley, 6-1); 2, Magic Wrap; 3, St Gregory. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Across The Lake (Miss S Brotherton, 2-1); 2, Straight Pilot; 3, Oh Mother. 6 ran. Open: 1, Final Chant (M Sowersby, 4-6 fav); 2, Glen Lochan; 3, Mahana. 8 ran. Hunt: 1, Patruska (Miss A Armitage, 6-1), 2, Castle Gem; 3, Broken Brae. 5 ran. Open Midn I: 1, Lingham Magic (S Swiers, 5-2); 2, First Drive; 3, Dashing Dula. 11 ran. Open Midn II: 1, The Chap (P Cornforth, 7-4 fav), 2, Carole's Delight, 3, Another Red. 12 ran.

BICESTER WITH WHADDON CHASE (Kingston Blount): Pegasus Hunt: 1, Reignbeau (D Young, 1-3 fav); 2, York Valer; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Hunt: 1, Music In The Night (I McKie, 10-11 fav); 2, Derry Gowan, 3, Punchen View. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Ballyoran Star (I McKie, 8-4 fav), 2, Bishop's Blaize, 3, Kingford. 7 ran. Open: 1, Saybright (G Tarry, 4-6 fav); 2, Snowfire Chap, 3, Its All Very Fine. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Russy Law (Miss K Ellis, 4-5 fav); 2, Roman Wood, 3, River Trout. 6 ran. Intermediate: 1, Bright Burns (R Sweeting, Evens fav); 2, Lord Fawsley; 3, Sing In Rhythm. 9 ran. Midn: 1, Benlaze (T Nisley, 5-1); 2, Wild Wedding, 3, Cove Calle. 15 ran.

BRAES OF DERWENT (Tranwell): Hunt: 1, Lough Egish (Mrs J Speight, 6-4), 2, Galloway Breeze; 3, Lover's Lock. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Sharp Opinion (Miss P Robson, 5-2), 2, Carly Bronn; 3, Hill Ryde. 8 ran. Open: 1, Generals Boy (P Craggs, 1-4 fav); 2, Mighty Mark, 3, The Lady's Partner. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Steele Justice (Miss P Robson, 2-5 fav); 2, Action Packed, 3, Eye Valley. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Royalist (C Storey, 7-4 fav); 2, Poseidonia; 3, Furry Venture. 11 ran. Open Midn (Div I): 1, Rede Rebel (T Scott, 8-1), 2, Icelandic Poppy; 3, Eastlands Monkey. 16 ran. Open Midn II: 1, Minsbrig (Miss P Robson, Evens fav); 2, Arcama; 3, Milly's Way. 10 ran.

CHESHIRE FOREST (Sudlow Farm). Hunt: 1, Lupo Nero (S Hope, 7-4); 2, Bill Cornwall; only 2 finished. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Scally Muire (A Crow, 1-2 fav); 2, Side Brace, 3, Soldiers Duty. 7 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Bodfari (R Jones, 5-1); 2, Equity Player; 3, Pepys. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Back In Business (Miss H McCaull, 2-1); 2, Springmount; 3, Renard Quay. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Miss Muire (C Barlow, 6-1); 2, Gitche Gumme; 3, Arnold's Choice. 11 ran. Open Midn I: 1, Charlie Chalk (A Griffiths, 4-1); 2, Gulting Gray; 3, Bally Muire. 16 ran. Open Midn II: 1, Kingswell (M Worthington, 8-1); 2, Highgate Mild, 3, Ilon Sina. 8 ran.

FITZWILLIAM (Cottenham): Hunt: 1, Goldhill Vulgan (Miss L Allan, 8-1); 2, Gold Valley; 3, Beach Tiger. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Bustamante (T Moore, 5-1); 2, Elegant Stranger; 3, Roars Of Applause. 6 ran. Open: 1, Rymster (P Harding-Jones, 1-3 fav); 2, Fabulous Queen; 3, Lad Lane. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Sheabd (Miss L Rowe, 4-5 fav); 2, Easy Over; 3, Royal Sting. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Cardinal Black (P Harding-Jones, 7-2); 2, Bowery Boy; 3, Quick Affair. 15 ran. Open Midn (Div I): 1, Mount Patrick (S R Andrews, 4-1); 2, Rural Custom; 3, Granyte Palace. 14 ran. Open Midn II: 1, Coiled Spring (S R Andrews, 6-4 fav); 2, Stanwick Farlep; 3, Woodrow Call. 11 ran

GLAMORGAN (St Hilary): Hunt: 1, Cosa Nostra (K Cousins, 7-4); finished alone. 3 ran. Rest: 1, Philpponnat (A Griffiths, 10-1); 2, Ongarni; 3, Valiant Friend. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Lady Llantrar (Mrs P Nash, 10-11 fav); 2, Trawstown; 3, Kyrne Warrior. 8 ran. Open: 1, Brunico (R Treloggen, 2-5 fav); 2, Charlotte Lane; 3, Zamzam. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Cleavers Gate (D Hughes, 9-4 fav); 2, Saks Domino, 3, Pat Seal. 10 ran. Midn I: 1, Captain Mainwaring (R Rowsell, 20-1); 2, Huntsham Castle; 3, Duke Of Plumstead. 14 ran. Midn II: 1, Tea And Honey (D S Jones, 4-1); 2, Parr; 3, Yours Grenville. 13 ran.

GROVE & RUFFORD (Thorpe Lodge): Hunt: 1, York Imperial (P Gee, 1-10 fav); 2, Th'oilmen, only 2 finished. 3 ran. Midn: 1, Ryders Wells (K Needham, 7-1); 2, Mr Wiggles; 3, Scott Elliott. 9 ran BMW Confined: 1, Hill Street (M Ashton, 7-4 co-fav), 2, Elvercone; 3, Law Reform. 5 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Alpha One (J Greenall, 1-6 fav), 2, The Waltzing Mouse, 3, Rum West. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Itendra (J Greenall, 5-2 co-fav); 2, Firehalms; 3, Horace. 14 ran. Intermediate: 1, Suny Sorell (O Vaughan-Jones, 85-40); 2, Wrekin Lad; 3, Tytherington. 8 ran

LUDLOW (Bitterley): Hunt: 1, Oragas (G Orchard, 33-1). 2, The Glazier; 3, Swing Free. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Plenty Of Chat (J Duggan, 8-1): 2, Back The Road; 3, Paddy's Pond. 3, Little Rise. 8 ran. Open: 1, Tizanc (M Wellings, 5-1); 2, Cambo; 3, Dapping. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Let Me Think (Miss C Thomas, 5-4 fav), 2, Leigh Boy; 3, Just Perkins. 11 ran. Intermediate: 1, Cool Relation (A Phillips, 1-2 fav); 2, Mitchells Best; 3, Wildrite. 8 ran. Open Midn I: 1, Ledwyche Gate (R Evans, 25-1); 2, Birdsend Boy; 3, Robcourt Hill. 18 ran. Open Midn II: 1, Sinberro (B Pollock, 10-1); 2, Over The Wrekin, 3, Mondino. 17 ran.

PORTMAN (Badbury Rings): Rest: 1, Young Brave (M Miller, 8-1); 2, Winter's Lane, 3, Majesty Spider. 12 ran. Hunt: 1, Lough Guitrane (G Wheeler, 25-1), 2, Belmoral Boy, only 2 finished. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Amstor (Miss T Cave, 1-2 fav); 2, Dandy; 3, Suffocated Suzie. 7 ran. Open: 1, Seven Of Diamonds (M Miller, 4-7 fav); 2, Tubbs; 3, Ruby Flame. 8 ran. BMW Confined: 1, Imay Condor (R Atkinson); 1, Winnie Lorraine (M Miller); 3, Golden Czar. 10 ran. Open Midn (Div I, part I):1, Baron Mena (M Batters, 5-2 fav); 2, National Gypsy; 3, Crimson Lady. 9 ran. Open Midn (Div I, part II): 1, Classic Legacy (M Fellon, 5-1); 2, The Putney Lark; 3, Fadrey. 9 ran. Open Midn II: 1, Lovers Down (R Payne, 9-2); 2, You'll Do; 3, Commanche Brave. 12 ran. Intermediate: 1, Synderborough Lad (M Fellon, 11-4); 2, Village Dawn; 3, Supreme Rock. 5 ran.

WEST KENT (Penshurst). Hunt: 1, Three Seasons (F French, 5-2); 2, Prince Rus; 3, The Somac. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Wye Lass (P Bull, 10-1); 2, Unred, 3, Burromariner. 11 ran. Open: 1, Trifast Lad (P Hacking, 1-2 fav), 2, Crazy River; 3, Air Broker. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Yeoman Farmer (P Hacking, 8-1); 2, Firewater Station; 3, Bishop Swithin. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Durbo (Mrs N Ledger, 25-1); 2, Mountain Crash; 3, Liberty Square. 12 ran. Open Midn I: 1, Jaysmith (C Gordon, 5-1), 2, Fahafeela; 3, Centre Stage. 11 ran. Open Midn II: 1, Supreme Dealer (A Wait, 3-1 fav); 2, Manaolana; 3, Saun. 15 ran.

☐ The Lifton point-to-point in Devon was abandoned.

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Abdulla adds Wharf to classic hand

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

WHARF will join Zafonic in carrying Khaled Abdulla's colours at Newmarket on May 1 for the 2,000 Guineas.

The decision to run the Henry Cecil-trained colt, narrowly beaten by Emperor Jones in last week's Craven Stakes, gives the Saudi prince a chance to become only the second owner this century to fill the first two places in the colts' classic. The late Aga Khan achieved the feat in 1935 with Bahram and Theft.

Abdulla, who only bought his first racehorse in 1977, has enjoyed remarkable success in the 2,000 Guineas. Apart from the victories of Known Fact in 1980 and the outstanding Dancing Brave in 1986, he has had four horses placed, including Exbourne and Danehill, who chased Nashwan home in 1989.

Cecil said yesterday: "I was pleased with Wharf's run in the Craven Stakes considering it was his first outing since July and he was giving the winner 3lb."

Wharf spent 12 weeks in his box during the winter with a saucer fracture of the shin bone and Cecil is convinced he will improve quite a few pounds for the Craven run, which was arguably the most competitive of the colts' trials.

Although riding plans for Wharf will not be officially confirmed until later this week, Walter Swinburn is expected to ride.

Another significant jockey booking yesterday saw Andre Fabre confirm that Michael Roberts will almost certainly take over from Thierry Jarnet on Elizabeth Bay in the 1,000 Guineas.

Like everyone else, Fabre has been keeping a close eye on the classic trials and with Zafonic's Dewhurst winning form having been boosted by the victories of Sueboog and Inchinor at Newbury he does not have too much cause for concern.

"The form looks sound. The problem is to have Zafonic well on the day," he said yesterday.

Fabre reported Zafonic to be in fine shape. His main concern, echoed by trainers this side of the Channel, concerns the ability of Zafonic to settle in the Guineas.

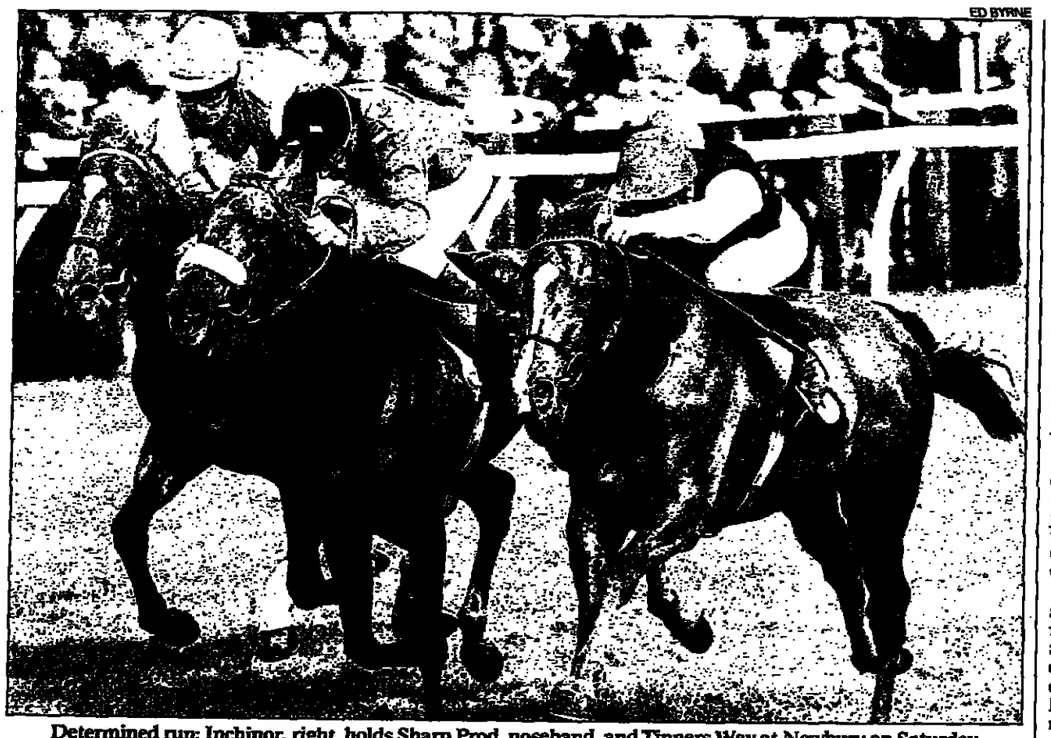
"It is a worry but last time [in the Prix Djebel] it was difficult for him to settle because nobody followed the lead horse, so there was no pace. He ran a bit free and the ground was a bit heavy. It is not an excuse, but the conditions did not favour him."

If there are any chinks in Zafonic's armour on Saturday week, Inchinor looks certain to expose them. What Roger Charlton's colt lacks in size, he more than makes up for with toughness and determination and he would not be denied in the Greenham Stakes on Saturday after striking the front just over a furlong out.

Charlton, who backed Inchinor at 33-1 for the 2,000 Guineas, is the first to admit that Zafonic appears a "good thing" for the race "but we will see," he said.

"Inchinor has got to have a good each-way chance. Like most races, the Greenham will bring him on and the horses he beat last year have come out and franked the form."

With the Derby only six weeks away, the confidence behind Tenby grows apace. The Cecil trained-Abdulla owned Grand Criterium winner will be ridden by Pat Eddery during a workout on Wednesday and, if all goes well and the ground at Sandown on Saturday is not soft, he will line up for the Thresher Classic Trial. Michael Stoute runs Shaiba.



ED BYRNE

Determined run: Inchinor, right, holds Sharp Prod, noseband, and Tinners Way at Newbury on Saturday

Sangster expects Dittman to be riding at Chester

BY RICHARD EVANS

ROBERT Sangster could hardly believe his luck. Four winners at Newbury's two-day Greenham meeting and a telephone call from Australia which suggests more gambles being landed in the coming weeks. "Anyone would think this game is easy," Sangster joked as he headed for the winner's enclosure yet again.

The outcome of the long-distance conversation will see Mick Dittman, Australia's top jockey, arriving in Britain in time to ride for Sangster at the Chester meeting in the first week of May.

Although Dittman, known as "The Enforcer," agreed to ride for Sangster several weeks ago, it had been feared an emergency brain tumour operation on the jockey's wife, Maureen, would prevent him riding in Britain.

"His wife is a lot better and I think he will be coming over," Sangster said.

In theory, it might be possible for Dittman to ride at the Guineas meeting, but the tight turns of Chester, which fellow Australian rider Brent Thomson used to negotiate with such success, are a more likely starting place than Newmarket's daunting straight mile.

The 39-year-old Queensland-born rider ranks alongside Pat Eddery and Michael Roberts in ability, according to Sangster. "He's a great guy and it will be good for British racing to have him here."

While Dittman, hopefully, heads west, Lanfranco Dettori will discover on May 1 whether the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club grants him a licence to ride in the Far East this winter.

At Newbury on Saturday, Dettori rode four winners at a meeting for the first time. His 15,969-1 four-timer included Tissisat, owned by the Queen, in the Ladbrokes Spring Handicap.

☐ The European challengers, which included Mellottie, Half A Tick and Thourios, failed to finish in the money in the two big international races, won by Romanee Conti and Glen Kate, in Hong Kong yesterday.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LITTLE SABOTEUR (2.50 Nottingham)

Next best: Pater Noster (4.50 Nottingham)

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.20 Charity Express. 2.50 Slip-A-Snip. 3.20 Delve. 3.50 Allegan. 4.20 Trojan Lancer. 4.50 Pater Noster. 5.20 Glide Path.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 **ALLEGAN** (nap). 4.50 Imperial Ballet.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.20 **ACHELOUS.**

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES — SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 ABOYEUR SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 6f 15yd) (13 runners)

1	(10)		JAKE THE PAKE (Buckland Thoroughbred) K Burke 8-11	A Shoults	–
2	(9)	13	ALWAYS BAILEYS 6 (D) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 8-6	Dean McKeown	75
3	(11)	0-4	BECKY BOO 6 (H Strickland) R Price 8-6	R Price	–
4	(8)	13000-1	CHARITY EXPRESS 21 (G,S) (J Berry) J Berry 8-6	J Carroll	69
5	(7)	41-	DAILYSPORTDUTCH 312 (F) (B Easdick) Miss S Kellaway 8-6	N Carlisle	69
6	(5)	8	FINAL OAK 13 (P Youd) B Mealham 8-6	J Fortune	–
7	(1)		GLEAM OF GOLD (Mrs P Dunn) R Dickin 8-6	S Dawson	–
8	(12)	018000-	HY WILMA 200 (D,B) (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-6	S Drowne (7)	–
9	(2)	00-8503	MAGICATION 11 (Mrs S Allen) J Balding 8-6	Claire Balding (7)	76
10	(13)	4	MIDLIN 11 (Mrs A Harris) J Harris 8-6	L Dettori	80
11	(6)	000900-	MOVING IMAGE 118 (S) (Mrs C Rawson) H Collingridge 8-6	C Dwyer	63
12	(3)	0	TOCCATELLA 13 (Network Builders Ltd) B Meehan 8-6	R Perham	–
13	(4)	0-65886	WEALTHYWOOD 11 (S) (Mrs C Rawson) H Collingridge 8-6	C Hawksley (7)	61

BETTING: 6-4 Charity Express, 8-1 Always Baileys, Magication, 10-1 Dailysportdutch, Midlin, 12-1 Toccatella, 14-1 Hy Wilma, Wealthywood, 16-1 Moving Image, 20-1 Becky Boo, 25-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ALWAYS BAILEYS 6l 3rd of 5 in Tremlestone in Warwick (9l, soft) claimer with BECKY BOO (9lb worse off) 4l 4th. Previously beat Hesbicker 1l in 11-runner Southwell (AW, 5f) maiden with MAGICATION (same terms) 10¾l 6th. CHARITY EXPRESS beat Go Flightline 2l in 3-runner Hamilton (5f, soft) claimer. DAILYSPORTDUTCH beat First Option 1l in 7-runner Hamilton (5f, 4yd, firm) claimer. MAGICATION 10½l 3rd of 11 to Champagne Brandy in Leicester (6f, good) seller with MIDLIN (same terms) 19½l 4th and WEALTHYWOOD (5lb better off) 39½l 6th. MOVING IMAGE 6¾l 7th of 19 to Convenient Moment in Warwick (5f, soft) nursery in October.

Selection: CHARITY EXPRESS

2.50 FELSTEAD CLAIMING STAKES (£2,668: 5f 13yd) (13 runners)

1	(1)	2-32662	TINO TERE 28 (D,F,G) (S Dickin) J Berry 4-8-9	J Carroll	90
2	(3)	505000-	METAL BOYS 163 (D,F,G) (North Staffs Racing) R Hollinshead 8-8-7	S Wynne (5)	85
3	(5)	05000-1	THE NOBLE OAK 18 (B,D,F,G) M McCormack 5-9-6	Gina Faulkner (7)	77
4	(6)	0345-2	SUPERLATIVEMAXIMUS 18 (R Champion) J Bosley 5-9-5	Claire Balding (7)	73
5	(2)	00-4041	HARRY'S COMING 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Wallwork) R Hodges 5-9-4	S Drowne (7)	80
6	(9)	24-2124	LITTLE SABOTEUR 28 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 4-9-2	W Ryan	93
7	(13)	0003303	ARC LAMP 25 (D,F,G) (S Gooch) J Glover 7-9-1	J Fortune	80
8	(4)	0-43001	MARTINA 4 (D,F,S) (M Yarrow) J Wharton 5-9-0	J Quinn	69
9	(11)	3500-00	SLIP-A-SNIP 7 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs M Bridgwater) K Bridgwater 5-8-13	S D Williams (3)	72
10	(7)	00090-0	CUMBRIAN CAVALIER 101 (G Kidd) K Wingrove 4-8-12	R Lappin	–
11	(12)	136560-	FOLLOWMEGIRLS 217 (F) (Exors of Mr J Martin) Mrs A King 4-8-12	A Garth (5)	78
12	(8)	030/	RISKMEMAY 595 (Ms B Haswell) A Hambly 4-8-9	J O'Reilly	–
13	(10)	000300-	NORDOORA 143 (D Young) J Harris 4-8-7	L Dettori	89

BETTING: 7-2 Little Saboteur, 5-1 Marina, 6-1 Harry's Coming, 8-1 Metal Boys, The Noble Oak, Tino Tere, 10-1 Arc Lamp, Superlativemaximus, 16-1 Slip-A-Snip, 20-1 Nordoora, 25-1 others.

1992: FAMGIO 3-8-0 T Sprake (9-2) W G M Turner 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

TINO TERE head 2nd of 12 to Celestial Key in Southwell (AW, 5f) handicap with LITTLE SABOTEUR (13lb better off) 1¾l 4th and ARC LAMP (11lb worse off) 7¼l 7th. METAL BOYS 4l 7th of 15 to Brandon Abby in Pontefract (5f, good to firm) claimer on penultimate start last year. THE NOBLE OAK beat Miss Vanette 1l in 8-runner Lingfield (5f, good) handicap. SUPERLATIVEMAXIMUS neck 2nd of 9 to Sir Tasker in Southwell (AW, 5f) handicap. HARRY'S COMING beat Coppernill Lad 1l in 5-runner Folkestone (5f, soft) claimer. LITTLE SABOTEUR dead-heated with Cradle in 4-runner Lingfield (AW, 5f) claimer on penultimate start with HARRY'S COMING (3lb worse off) 9½l last. ARC LAMP 2¼l 3rd of 15 to Amron in Doncaster (5f, good to firm) handicap with MARTINA (7lb better off) 3l 8th.

Selection: LITTLE SABOTEUR

3.20 OH SO SHARP FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,073: 1m 1f 213yd) (5 runners)

1	(1)	03050-5	PEARL ANGEL 25 (G) (E W Stanley) D Loder 4-9-0	L Dettori	86
2	(2)	414012-	DELVE 199 (CD,G) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) J Dunlop 4-8-12	Pat Eddery	89
3	(3)	1101-	ROCKAWHILE 183 (D,G,S) (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 4-8-12	W Ryan	86
4	(4)	0/6	FAIRFIELDS CORE 6 (Mrs C Holder) R Dickin 10-8-10	Michelle Thomas (7)	63
5	(5)	0600/05-	LA RAPTOTTE 148J (F) (A Wright) M Charles 8-8-10	J Quinn	–

BETTING: 5-4 Delve, 7-4 Rockawhile, 3-1 Pearl Angel, 25-1 Fairfields Core, 50-1 La Raptotte.

1992: ALL AT SEA 3-9-0 W Ryan (13-8) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

PEARL ANGEL 4½l 5th of 9 to Mellottie in listed race at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). DELVE 2¼l 2nd of 8 to King's Loch in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). Previously beat Party Cited 1l in 5-runner Salisbury (1m 1f 209yd, good) stakes race. ROCKAWHILE beat Tembridge Wells 1½l in 15-runner Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good) stakes race.

Selection: DELVE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%
H Cecil	25	59	42.4
J Dunlop	19	100	19.0
A Hide	4	22	18.2
R Bastiman	5	28	17.9
R Hodges	8	55	14.5
J Berry	11	80	13.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Pat Eddery	31	122	25.4
L Dettori	18	101	17.8
P Robinson	3	20	15.0
W Ryan	15	116	12.9
J Carroll	6	55	10.9
Only qualifiers			

3.50 MICHELOZZO CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,073: 1m 6f 15yd) (5 runners)

1	(4)	153005-	CASTLE COURAGEOUS 58J (D,F,G) Lady Herries 5-8-13	J Reid	74
2	(1)	11218-	ALLEGAN 176 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-8-12	Pat Eddery	88
3	(3)	4	NORTHERN RARITY 9 (Mrs J Taylor) J Norton 4-8-8	J Quinn	71
4	(2)	0-	FLAKEY DOVE 18J (J Price) R Price 7-8-5	W Ryan	70
5	(5)	0412-	LONG SILENCE 208 (S) (W Farish III) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-3	P Robinson	80

☐ Long Silence will run only if there is overnight rain

BETTING: 2-5 Allegan, 4-1 Castle Courageous, 5-1 Long Silence, 16-1 Flakey Dove, 25-1 Northern Rarity.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE COURAGEOUS 9¼l 5th of 14 to Brier Creek in Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm) handicap. ALLEGAN beat 2nd of 4 to Ram Rider in listed race at Goodwood (1m 6f, good to soft) in August. NORTHERN RARITY 79¼l 4th of 5 to Jack Button in Haydock (2m 45yd, soft) stakes race. FLAKEY DOVE high-class hurdler who finished tenth 10l 7th of 18 to Granville Again in the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 110yd, good) last month. LONG SILENCE 14l 2nd of 15 to Googly in Haydock (1m 3f 200yd, soft) handicap. Previously beat Rahaana 8l in 9-runner Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, soft) maiden.

Selection: ALLEGAN (nap)

4.20 CALL BOY HANDICAP (£3,640: 1m 6f 15yd) (16 runners)

1	(15)	32625-3	PRINCE HANNIBAL 11 (F,G) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 6-9-12	J Reid	91
2	(14)	030110-	TEXAN TYCOON 231 (G,S) (R Gorringe) R Akehurst 5-8-8	L Dettori	92
3	(7)	103033/	PROVIDENCE 548 (F) (Mrs P Harley) P Harris 6-9-7	S Hind	–
4	(11)	111100-	CHARLESTOWN 183J (D,F,G) (M O'Connor) J King 10-9-6	Pat Eddery	88
5	(8)	113251	HORIZON 28 (BD,F,G) (John S Thompson Jones) T Thompson Jones 5-8-9	D Biggs	69
6	(4)	40035-3	DAWN FLIGHT 25 (F,G) (Lindley) Lady Herries 4-9-2	W Ryan	95
7	(9)	214065-	ASIAN RUSTER 171 (F) (E Leader) A Hide 4-9-1	M Wigham (7)	91
8	(6)	04-4409	SHUMAN 11 (S) (M Pajcicek) E Armstrong 4-8-13	M Hills	88
9	(5)	435-65-0	TOUR LEADER 19 (F,Jersey) T Barron 4-8-7	Alex Greaves	86
10	(13)	4/050	BORNOLA SHINE 20 (BF) (Jenny Fitzgerald) S B-K	Dean McKeown	82
11	(10)	330041-	FAMOUS BEAUTY 280 (D,F,G,S) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 6-8-0	L Aspell (7)	84
12	(16)	044005	TROJAN LANCER 17 (F) (A Grahaw) Mrs M Reveley 7-7-12	J Lowe	91
13	(3)	0560/50-	HIGH GRADE 7J (Under Orders Racing 99) Miss S Wilton 5-7-12	C Hawksley (7)	82
14	(2)	/60603/	NOBLE SOCIETY 641 (4 Middlebrook) M Usher 5-7-12	R Price	–
15	(12)	0/162/00-	PEAK DISTRICT 473 (S) (S Healy) R Lee 7-7-10	J Quinn	97
16	(1)	/30/60	NEARCTIC BAY 71 (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Ball 7-7-7	N Carlisle	–

Long handicap: Nearctic Bay 7-5.

BETTING: 4-1 Texan Tycoon, 5-1 Horizon, 6-1 Prince Hannibal, Trojan Lancer, 8-1 Chucklemere, Dawn Flight, 12-1 Bornola Shine, 14-1 Famous Beauty, Tour Leader, 16-1 Providence, 20-1 others.

1992: AIRD AMSON 4-8-4 D Holland (7-4 fav) M Camacho 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCE HANNIBAL 2¼l 3rd of 11 to Day of Victory in Brighton (1m 4f, good) handicap. TEXAN TYCOON beat HORIZON (21lb worse off) neck in 11-runner Goodwood (1m 4f, good) handicap on penultimate start last year.

HORIZON beat Kacamoja 3½l in 8-runner Southwell (AW, 1m 6f) handicap. DAWN FLIGHT 4¼l 3rd of 18 to Albert in Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm) handicap. BORNOLA SHINE 7l 2nd of 9 to Grateful Fair in Southwell (AW, 1m) maiden on penultimate start. TROJAN LANCER 13½l 5th of 11 to Tarquidani in Beverley (2m 35yd, good to firm) handicap.

Selection: DAWN FLIGHT

4.50 SLIP ANCHOR CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,084: 1m 54yd) (5 runners)

1	(4)	1/10-	PATER NOSTER 308 (G,S) (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-0	L Dettori	95
2	(1)	0020-05	BEWARE OF AGENTS 5 (F,S) (B Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 4-8-13	Dean McKeown	89
3	(2)	202/054	WELL APPOINTED 5 (F) (T Connors) A Hambly 4-8-12	J O'Reilly	79
4	(5)	0/115-	IMPERIAL BALLET 261 (F,G) (R Sangster) H Cecil 4-8-10	Pat Eddery	89
5	(3)	0022/45-	VAMBOROUGH LAD 61J (G,S) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 4-8-10	D Biggs	79

BETTING: Even Imperial Ballet, 5-4 Pater Noster, 6-1 Beware Of Agents, 25-1 Vamborough Lad, 33-1 Well Appointed.

1992: DESERVE 9-9-5 S Cauthen (4-7 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

PATER NOSTER 6½l 6th of 12 to Prince Ferdinand in group III Jersey Stakes at Ascot (7f, good to firm). BEWARE OF AGENTS 4½l 5th of 6 to Wild Of Steel in Newmarket (7f, good) handicap. Previously 6½l 6th of 24 to High Premium in Doncaster (1m, good to firm) handicap with WELL APPOINTED (6lb worse off) 4½l 12th. IMPERIAL BALLET 5½l 5th of 6 to River Falls in Goodwood (1m, good to firm) graduation race. Better effort when stable beating Big Blue comfortable 10l in 4-runner Doncaster (1m 2f 110yd, firm) maiden.

Selection: PATER NOSTER

5.20 CORONACH HANDICAP (£3,465: 1m 1f 213yd) (14 runners)

1	(9)	245120-	WRETS 264 (F) (Midland Markets Ltd) M Charles 4-10-0	C Hawksley (7)	83
2	(7)	42306-5	GLIDE PATH 20 (D,F) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 4-9-8	M Hills	88
3	(4)	00200-0	HILLZAH 32 (BF,F,G) (Miss L Bedard) R Bastiman 5-9-0	Dean McKeown	94
4	(12)	01123-2	JAZILAH 20 (D,BF,F) (S Aitken) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-0	W Ryan	84
5	(2)	5003-83	SAINT CIEL 11 (D,F,S) (Tim Racing) F Jordan 5-8-13	R Perham	90
6	(8)	02543-0	MAPLE BAY 7 (R Matthews) K Wells 4-8-12	N Carlisle	97
7	(11)	401-041	WESTFIELD MOVES 20 (D,F,G) (A Wadley) H Collingridge 5-8-8	J Quinn	91
8	(10)	1405-62	SWIFT SILVER 6 (D,G,S) (J Corbett) W Musson 6-8-5	J Reid	92
9	(6)	430/281-	MARCHMAN 288 (D,F) (Mrs P King) J King 8-8-5	Pat Eddery	88
10	(1)	00/000-2	ACHELOUS 7 (V,S) (W Deny) J Glover 6-8-0	P Robinson	89
11	(3)	4205/12	HERE HE COMES 13 (D,BF,F,G) (E Harrington) R Akehurst 7-7-7	S Drowne	85
12	(14)	306000-	YOUNG GEORGE 177J (D,F,G) (J Wynn-Williams) M Dods 6-7-7	J Lowe	88
13	(5)	0/0030-0	MERLS PEARL 8 (Blackdeds Racing) P Pidgeon 4-7-7	Darren Moffatt (7)	81
14	(13)	00-0	SEEMENOMORE 23 (K Warrington) R Price 4-7-7	F Savage (7)	–

Long handicap: Young George 7-2, Merls Pearl 7-0, Seemenomore 5-10.

BETTING: 7-2 Here He Comes, 5-1 Jazilah, 6-1 Achelous, Westfield Moves, 7-1 Swift Silver, 8-1 Glide Path, 10-1 Marchman, 12-1 Hillzah, 14-1 Spiral Ciel, 16-1 Young George, 20-1 others.

1992: MR CONFUSION 4-10-0 J Fortune (9-2 fav) S Norton 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

JAZILAH 2l 2nd of 6 to Tanoda in Newcastle (1m 2f, good) handicap. SAINT CIEL 3¾l 3rd of 19 to Superlap in Leicester (1m 2f, good) handicap. WESTFIELD MOVES beat Lobillo head in 11-runner Leicester (1m 2f, firm) handicap with GLIDE PATH (7lb better off) 11½l 5th and SWIFT SILVER (6lb better off) 4l 6th.

SWIFT SILVER 1¼l 2nd of 10 to Loki in Newmarket (1m 2f, good) handicap. MARCHMAN beat Cathos 7l in 19-runner Salisbury (1m 4f, firm) amateur riders' handicap. ACHELOUS 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Aldenhoven in Warwick (1m 3f, soft) handicap with MAPLE BAY poor 6th. HERE HE COMES next 2nd of 15 to Aldenhoven in Folkestone (1m 1f 110yd, soft) handicap.

Selection: WESTFIELD MOVES

Pipe star overcomes tardy start to triumph

MARTIN Pipe's gallant Run For Free overcame a disastrous start, where he lost around 35 lengths, to beat Merry Master a neck in the Stakis Scottish National at Ayr on Saturday.

Run For Free planted himself as the tapes rose for the four mile one furlong race and his chance seemed so forlorn that his jockey Mark Perrett considered pulling up after a circuit.

But he persevered and, slowly but surely, Run For Free made up the lost ground as Merry Master cut out the running with Riverside Boy.

The latter was starting to tire when coming to grief six from home, and in doing so hampered Run For Free.

But Run For Free was not to be denied and, after coming to the last of the 27 fences a length down, he battled on to win by a neck.

Pipe joked: "Perhaps Mark is odds-on to become my new stable jockey after that performance. This is my first trip to Ayr, and I didn't think I would be coming again after what happened at the start. It was an incredible performance."

Perrett said that the starting trouble was caused by the favourite Dakyns Boy. "We were lined up across the track for a nice start, but when the tape went up, Dakyns Boy jumped straight across in front of me and my lad planted himself. He didn't jump off," he explained.

"I gave the horse a couple of cracks before eventually setting off, but it must have cost us 30 lengths and I nearly pulled him up."



Perrett: perseverance paid off at Ayr

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Iron King. 2.30 Spinning. 3.00 Woodwardia. 3.30 Dancing Beau. 4.00 Hard To Figure. 4.30 **DOMICKSKY** (nap). 5.00 Persian Gusher.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,002: 5f 59yd) (13 runners)

1		00-6	IRON KING 13 (CD,F,G) J Spearing 7-10-0	W Newnes 9	
2		20-0	CHESHIRE ANNIE 34 (CD,F) R Simpson 4-9-2	A Tucker (3)	10
3		2114	SERIOUS HURRY 16 (D) C C Elsey 5-9-1	T Quinn	8
4		4000	LINCSTONE BOY 7 (D,F,S) K Burke 5-9-0	S Webster	1
5		5-41	COCKERHAM RANGER 20 (D,F,G) J Troy 3-9-0	L Piggott	4
6		50/40	LOON 13 (B) B O'Sullivan 5-8-12	J Weaver (3)	5
7		5403	PALACEGATE GOLD 7 (F) R Hodges 4-8-6	W Carson	2
8		30-2	KILDEE LAD 11 A Jones 3-8-5	N Adams	13
9		640-	ABIL'S PET 287 J Sutcliffe 3-8-5	B Rouse	3
10		2213	PURBECK CENTENARY 23 P Howling 3-8-4	M Roberts	12
11		00-0	LET'S GO LOCHY 7 C Hill 7-8-4	D Holland	6
12		500-	LADY OF SHADOWS 146 S Dow 3-7-13	C Rutter	7
13		0-65	MISS PRECOCIOUS 7 D Shaw 5-7-7	D Wright (7)	11

9-2 Cockerham Ranger, 5-1 Purbeck Centenary, 6-1 Iron King, 7-1 Serious Hurry, 8-1 Palacegate Gold, 10-1 Let's Go Lochy, 12-1 Miss Precocious, 14-1 others.

2.30 PRINCE OF WALES CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,464: 1m 3f 196yd) (3)

1	330-	SPINNING 16J (D,F,S) I Balding 6-9-10	R Cochrane	1
2	102-0	DURSHAN 17 (F,G) J Jenkins 4-8-9	S Whitworth	2
3	6411	LA REINE ROUGE 23 (D) Mrs A Knight 5-8-7	F Norton	3

1-3 Spinning, 9-2 Durshan, 6-1 La Reine Rouge.

3.00 CONFLANS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,552: 7f 214yd) (17)

1	0-5	ACCESS FESTIVALS 14 R Boss 9-0	M Tebbutt	15
2	0-42	AIR COMMAND 74 J Bridger 9-0	G Bardwell	10
3	005-	ARRAS ROYALE 199 (V) J Long 9-0	M Adams	7
4	00-	BARSLEY 363 J Jenkins 9-0	B Doyle (5)	11
5	50-	BOHEMIAN CROWN 188 M Stoute 9-0	M Roberts	16
6	0	DIMME BOY 11 M Ryan 9-0	L Piggott	8
7	43-	GREEN KILT 203 Lord Huntingdon 9-0	A Munro	13
8	00-	LIAB 175 A Scott 9-0	W Carson	14
9	6-04	JULIASDARKINVADER 18 A Moore 5-0	Candy Morris	1
10	00-0	OCTOBER BREW 11 (BF) G Lewis 9-0	D Harrison (3)	2
11	5-5	PRINCE SONGLINE 16 R Boss 9-0	R Cochrane	9
12	0-0	SPECIAL DAWN 11 J Dunlop 9-0	W Newnes	12
13		TASSET P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	17
14		WOODSMANS STAR D Shaw 9-0	K Rutter (5)	6
15	44-	PETITE JESS 255 T Mills 8-9	F Norton	4
16	63-	SCORCHED AIR 182 J Hills 8-9	J Williams	5
17	23-	WOODWARDIA 170 B Hills 8-9	D Holland	3

2-1 Woodwardia, 7-2 Tasset, 6-1 Scorched Air, 10-1 Bohemian Crown, Green Kilt, 14-1 Divine Boy, 16-1 Special Dawn, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Boss, 9 winners from 25 runners, 36.0%; G Harwood, 18 from 56, 32.7%; R Williams, 4 from 13, 30.8%; M Ryan, 12 from 51, 23.5%; J Waltz, 6 from 27, 22.2%; J Dunlop, 14 from 66, 21.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; W Carson, 45 from 169, 26.6%; M Roberts, 20 from 101, 19.8%; R Cochrane, 21 from 116, 18.1%; A Munro, 14 from 79, 17.7%; D Holland, 6 from 35, 17.1%.

3.30 TOWN PURSE HANDICAP (£3,235: 7f 214yd) (17)

1		160-	THAMES GLOW 188 (G) D Elsworth 4-9-10	J Williams	7
2		6611	BELMOREDEAN 21J (D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-9-8	J Weaver (3)	10
3		0-45	SALBYNS 24 (D,S,B) J Hills 5-9-8	D Holland	17
4		11-0	LUCKY NOIRE 17 (D,F,S) G Harwood 5-9-8	P Houghton (7)	14
5		0-00	SLEEPLINE FANTASY 16 (C,D,F,G,S) M Channon 8-9-7	W Carson	12
6		-122	BUDDY'S FRIEND 67 (D,F) R Williams 5-9-5	R Cochrane	5
7		5502	TAUNTING 11 M Blanshard 5-9-1	T Quinn	2
8		35-3	DANCING BEAU 21 (G) S Dow 4-9-0	M Roberts	9
9		45-2	PRECIOUS AIR 34 (CD,F,G,S) A Moore 5-9-0	B Rouse	6
10		2410	SCOTS LAW 16 (D,F) R O'Sullivan 6-8-13	A Clark	4
11		30/	STORM RISK 78J Mrs A Knight 4-8-13	F Norton	1
12		04-0	QUICK STEEL 11 (G,S) T McGovern 5-8-12	S Mulvey (7)	16
13		01-6	DUTY SERGEANT 21 (B,C,F,G) M Muggeridge 4-8-12	A Munro	15
14		00-0	RED INK 21 J Jenkins 4-8-10	B Doyle (5)	11
15		0-83	SOOTY TERN 17 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-9	N Adams	3
16		04-5	JOLTO 11 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-9	W Newnes	8
17		600-	OYSTON'S LIFE 212 (F) R Phillips 4-8-8	C Rutter	13

5-1 Buddy's Friend, 6-1 Sooty Tern, 7-1 Lucky Noire, 8-1 Belmoredean, Salbyns, 10-1 Scots Law, 12-1 Duty Sergeant, Dancing Beau, 12-1 Precious Air, 14-1 Taunting, 16-1 others.

4.00 SIDNEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,995: 6f 209yd) (5)

1	31-4	HARD TO FIGURE 9 (G,F,S,S) A Hodgson 7-8-13	L Piggott	3
2	00-2	SHBARI'S SON 18 (C,F) J Wade 6-8-12	T Quinn	1
3	102-	AMADEUS AESS 248 (V,D,F) D Morris 4-8-10	R Cochrane	2
4	3	BRIGADE 7 D Loder 4-8-10	M Tebbutt	4
5	-332	PRECIOUS WONDER 9 (D,S) P Slatter 4-8-10	T Williams	5

Evens Hard To Figure, 5-2 Brigade, 6-1 Shibari's Son, 7-1 Amadeus Aes, 10-1 Precious Wonder.

4.30 PETWORTH HANDICAP (£4,709: 6f 209yd) (11)

1	034-	EN ATTENDANT 191 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 5-10-0	B Raymond	9
2	060-	BIG BLUE 198 (G) C Britain 4-9-10	B Doyle (5)	5
3	05-0	CALEMAN 12 (D,F) R Boss 4-9-8	R Cochrane	4
4	624-	HELIOS 207 (CD,F) R Simpson 5-9-7	L Piggott	2
5	10-0	MELLSOLIN 23 (D,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-9-4	T Quinn	11
6	0000	MASNUN 16 (F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-9-4	J Weaver (3)	7
7	0-06	DOMICSKY 9 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Channon 5-8-8	M Roberts	8
8	-430	TYRIAN PURPLE 67 (D,F,S) T Naughton 5-8-5	D Holland	10
9	6403	AMETHYSTINE 18 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 7-8-2	W Carson	3
10	0230	COURTING NEWMARKET 44 Mrs A Knight 5-7-7	D Wright (7)	1

NUTRASWEET LONDON MARATHON RESULTS

Three-hour barrier broken by 1,722 runners

THE TIMES UNISYS

Here, exclusive to *The Times*, are the competitors who finished the NutraSweet London Marathon inside three hours. The results are provided by Unisys, official suppliers of computers to the race. The names and times of the other finishers will be published this week.



Feeling blue: Liz McColgan shows the strain in The Mall on her way to third place. Photograph: Tim Bishop

TOP 50 IN THE MEN'S RACE

1. E Martin 2hr 10min 50sec
2. I Rico 2:10:53
3. G Gajdus 2:11:07
4. S Bettiol 2:11:55
5. F Bjorkli 2:12:23
6. D Buzza 2:12:24
7. S Baek 2:12:34
8. A Salah 2:12:40
9. J Torres 2:13:44
10. S Brace 2:14:00
11. T Moghali 2:14:40
12. T Bekele 2:15:43
13. O Obdillahi 2:16:00
14. V Bukhanou 2:16:16
15. H Jones 2:16:35
16. E Tlhobo 2:16:53
17. V Silva 2:17:00
18. M Mcloughlin 2:17:27
19. J Silva 2:17:30
20. C Buckley 2:17:42
21. T Sato 2:17:46
22. T Naess 2:17:50
23. G Borka 2:18:52
24. J Ribeiro 2:18:56
25. P Whitehead 2:18:57
26. D Rathbone 2:18:58
27. P Carpenito 2:18:59
28. S Roznan 2:19:00
29. R Pierce 2:19:07
30. A Varlet 2:19:10
31. P Davies-Hale 2:19:35
32. N Filho 2:19:44
33. R de Castella 2:19:44
34. R Bjorkli 2:20:02
35. G Davies 2:20:43
36. D McGrath 2:21:02
37. M Cowman 2:21:13
38. D de Reuck 2:21:41
39. S Garcia 2:22:25
40. P Caterino 2:22:43
41. A Guilder 2:23:08
42. P Desrumaux 2:23:28
43. L Moschini 2:23:29
44. C Blomme 2:23:34
45. A Shahanga 2:23:50
46. J Stephens 2:24:03
47. R Nash 2:24:10
48. D Hill 2:24:18
49. A Holt 2:24:26
50. P Pfeifenberger 2:24:27

TOP 50 IN THE WOMEN'S RACE

1. K Dorre 2hr 27min 9sec
2. L Ondieki 2:27:27
3. L McColgan 2:29:37
4. R Kokowska 2:32:30
5. L Moller 2:32:56
6. A Rybicka 2:34:21
7. R Lemettinen 2:34:44
8. A Ivanova 2:37:21
9. G Zhulieva 2:41:50
10. G Horovitz 2:42:14
11. D Sanderson 2:42:37
12. Z Marchant 2:43:59
13. C Hunter-Rowe 2:44:59
14. S Martin 2:45:13
15. M Dias 2:45:28
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17. S Bentley 2:47:33
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20. M Vanzulli 2:49:38
21. E Robinson 2:49:59
22. Z Lowe 2:50:05
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24. J Moorekite 2:53:30
25. S Lappage 2:54:13
26. A Cartwright 2:54:22
27. I Ekrol 2:54:24
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31. A Falkson 2:55:49
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37. E Flather 2:57:32
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Holiday money options

Bucks and Bullets stumble at final obstacle

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE gallant failures of Derby Bucks and Birmingham Bullets at the weekend mean that the line-up at the Carlsberg Championship basketball play-offs at Wembley next month will be a repeat of last year's when the same top four clubs from the first division were in competition.

The Bucks and the Bullets had forced third games in the best-of-three quarter-final series and they both went out with heads high on their opponents' courts. Bucks lost a superb game 99-93 at London Towers, while the Bullets went down 82-75 away to Guildford Kings. London's semi-final opponents on May 1 will be Thames Valley Tigers, who had already qualified. Guildford will face Worthing Bears, who completed a two-leg victory over Leicester Riders, 94-84, on the South Coast.

The Bucks provided the highlight of Saturday's three ties with their attempt to reach the final for the first time. "It was a good game, but a great series," Andy Maher, the visiting assistant player-coach, said after Derby had come close to sending the home coach, Mark Dunning, into despair. "We had not played well in the second leg." Dunning said, "So we made a pledge to take everything aggressively to them, right to the basket. Thank God, my guys responded."

Dunning's all-English squad scored the first nine points and lead 14-2 before being rocked by a Bucks blitz of 24-5, instigated by their American, Lester Hood, who finished with 39 points. Joel Moore overcame an injured ankle to play his part in London's response that helped the hosts to an interval advantage of 48-46.

Hood's second three-pointer gave Derby the lead at 73-70 for the last time with 11 minutes left. Peter Scantlebury, with 23 points, lead the London scorers.

The Bullets led 18-13 at Guildford and began the second half with a 13-2 burst, but Gordon, 22 points, found the inspiration that Rucker, for once, could not match for the Bullets. Likewise, Leicester could not capitalise on an early 11-point advantage at Worthing, despite 42 points from Tresvant.

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County championship undermined by demands of league

Ainscough's boot gives Lancashire upper hand

Lancashire	9
Yorkshire	6

BY BRYAN STILES

THE young bones of the latest county rugby union championship were laid to rest at Twickenham on Saturday and the pallbearers — northern officials and players — mourned its passing with harsh words and sadness.

The championship has survived only eight years in its present form but will be reborn next season as a competition for the less gifted. Under the new format, no Courage League first or second division player will be eligible and that hurts in the north, where they have valued the championship as the provider of inter-county encounters like this one, the hundredth Roses match.

"You will have to look outside the north to find those who made the changes," Des Seabrook, the Lancashire coach, said. He has reluctantly made the decision to carry on coaching his club, Orrell, next season, rather than Lancashire. Sammy Southern, his captain, has also opted for club rather than county. It is a decision that will be followed without enthusiasm by most other leading players.

The divisional championship has replaced the county competition as the representative event used by the England selectors as their proving ground. But it is does not carry the emotive appeal of a county championship that is steeped in folklore and has many supporters.

The final also marked the end of ADT's sponsorship of the divisional, county and under-21 county competitions, so the Rugby Football Union is seeking new sponsors.

Lancashire, with seven Orrell players in their ranks, had been expected to produce a decisive victory on Saturday, but, as is often the case with such close rivals, they were not allowed to capitalise on their superior skills.

They had to settle for victory by three penalty goals to two in a game that produced little in the way of flair or inventiveness. It was a disappointing match as a spectacle, but it did take Lancashire into the history books. Victory brought them the championship for a record sixteenth time, one more than Gloucestershire.

They were without two of the stalwarts of their pack, Kimmins and Gallagher, who would probably have increased their share of lineout ball and given them more power in the scrums and the loose, where Yorkshire proved troublesome.

Lancashire, did, however, secure more than enough possession to have put the issue beyond doubt by the interval, but they lacked the imagination to pierce their rivals' defensive network.

There was only one threequarter movement worthy of the name in the whole match and that came in the eighth minute when Ainscough, who had been probing the Yorkshire rearguard with neat half-breaks, sent out a fine pass that prompted Bromley to sweep wide in a long, arcing run. It looked as if he had the beating of the cover but an all-embracing tackle by Thompson hurled him into touch in the corner.

With Handley and Savenmutto proving the more effective of the half-back pairings, particularly when it came to tactical kicking, it looked as if it would be just a matter of time before Lancashire achieved a breakthrough, but all they had to show for their territorial superiority by half-time was a penalty goal by Ainscough. The pattern was much the same in the second half, except for some rousing attacking play from Yorkshire in the dying stages as they threw the ball in all directions in their efforts to snatch victory.

They almost succeeded, but the only scores came from Ainscough and Liley, who claimed two penalty goals apiece.

One of the more raucous sections of the crowd sported the gold and black of Cornwall. Perhaps someone had forgotten to tell them their favourites had not made it this year.

SCORERS: Lancashire: Penalty goals: Ainscough (3). Yorkshire: Penalty goals: Liley (2).

LANCASHIRE (Orrell unless stated): S Tabemer; P Hamer, G Ainscough, S Langford, S Bromley (Rugby); A Handley, C Savenmutto (both Waterloo), J Russell (Broughton Pk), G French (Liverpool St Helens), D Southern (captain), C Cusani, N Allott (Wigan/oo). P Manley, N Ashurst, M Kenrick (Sale).

YORKSHIRE: R Thompson (Wakefield) J Eagle (Leeds), D Edwards (Wakefield), P Johnson (Leeds), J Sleightholme (Wakefield); R Liley (Wakefield), A Crowley (Bradford and Bingley); M Vincent (Wakefield), T Garnett (Wakefield), S Rice (Otley), I Carroll (Wakefield), D Baldwin (Sale), S Tipping (Otley), P Buckton (Waterloo, capt), C Vyvyan (Upper Wharfedale).

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).



NEIL MUNNS

Broken stride: Bromley, of Lancashire, is halted in the final at Twickenham

Fizz finds favour as Ystradgynlais secure promotion

Gerald Davies sees standards rising in a decisive contest in the lower reaches of the Heineken League

Victory celebrations are imitative. They differ only in minor detail. Get hold of a bottle of fizzy liquid, give it a firm shake, and let the contents drench the surrounding throng. It seems such a waste.

Mike Lewis, who scored 22 points, was no different from those grand prix winners who spray the bubbly all over the place rather than sip it themselves. From the Welfare Ground grandstand he did the same when the valedictory speeches were being made on Saturday after his Ystradgynlais team had beaten Builth Wells 37-17.

It was just as well that he found himself grasping nothing more than a bottle of lemonade. Much better that he should savour a touch of the real stuff at his leisure later in the evening.

Ystradgynlais had good reason to celebrate. While their big brother down at the bottom end of the valley, Swansea, watched their hopes of winning the Heineken League championship all but disappear in defeat at Aberavon, two of their smaller-time neighbours have fulfilled their dreams.

Dunvant have already ensured that they move up to the first division next season and now, with this victory, Ystradgynlais move up to the third, along with Tondu, who have one more match to play. The result will determine whether they or Ystradgynlais come out on top.

It sometimes tends to be forgotten, in subjecting the fancy dans of the first division to weekly scrutiny, that the Heineken influence does reach other parts.

It is perhaps at these lower levels that the league has made the most significant difference. Players are fitter and crowds are larger; the whole perimeter was occupied on Saturday.

More important, the quality of the rugby is better. With both the teams challenging for promotion, a scrappier or more brutal game might have been expected. But, apart from one flurry, this proved to be a fine game and, despite the parochial bias of the shouts, well controlled by a smiling referee.

The skills of both sides were up to the mark, too, and the home side won because it was better balanced. The visitors were more powerful at forward but lacked overall strength elsewhere.

The home side's three tries would have been worthy of a team a couple of divisions higher.

Parry's try 20 seconds into the second half brought the score to 16-11, but thereafter Ystradgynlais were comfortably in control.

SCORERS: Ystradgynlais: Tries: Hopkins, Francisco, Thomas Conversions: Lewis (2) Penalties: Lewis (5) Dropped goal: Lewis.
Builth Wells: Try: L Parry. Penalties: P Parry (3)
YSTRADGYNLAIS: J Hopkins; I, Thomas, I Michael, A Williams, S Donovan, M Lewis, S Jenkins; M Hames, B Holsgrove, G Richards, J Morgan, R McDonald, N Mabbutt, N Francisco, M Bennett.
BUILTH WELLS: I Price, D Taylor, C Davies, F Lewis, L Parry, N Hopkins, P Parry, C Jones (repr E Morgan), C Morgan, J Pugh, L Hammonds, J Ralph, G Pembroke, W Mills, L Tomlinson.
Referee: J Jenkins (Cardiff)

Llanelli point to the title

LLANELLI need one point from their two remaining matches to secure the Heineken League title after two seasons as runners-up.

Aberavon's 12-6 defeat of Swansea, the champions, means Llanelli could win the championship, and a £12,000 winners' cheque, if they win or draw at home against Pontypridd next week.

Swansea's second successive defeat and Cardiff's 36-20 victory over Newport means that whoever wins when they meet at St Helens on May 1 will most likely finish second. On that day, Llanelli are at Neath. Llanelli play Swansea in the Swalec Cup semi-final on Saturday and that could weaken them for the league match against Pontypridd.

Newbridge's 19-17 victory over Bridgend ensures first division rugby for them next season and condemns South Wales Police and Maesteg to relegation. Dunvant are already sure of replacing one of them, with either Cross Keys and Llanharan joining them.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

ADT County Championship

Final

Lancashire 9 Yorkshire 6
Lancashire: Pens: Ainscough (3)
Yorkshire: Pens: Liley (2).

Under-21 County Championship

Final

Bucks 22 Warwicks 0

Heineken League

First division

Aberavon 12 Swansea 6
Aberavon: Pens: Love (2), Thomas. Dropped Goals: Love.
Swansea: Pens: Bali. Dropped Goals: Bali.

Cardiff 36 Newport 20
Cardiff: Tries: Budd, Laity, Lewis, Pattrey. Cons: Davies (2). Pens: Davies (4).
Newport: Tries: Jeffreys, Waters. Cons: Williams (2). Pens: Williams (2).

Newbridge 19 Bridgend 17
Newbridge: Tries: Fisher, Williams. Pens: Williams (2). Dropped Goals: Williams.
Bridgend: Tries: D Davies, G Davies. Cons: M Jones (2). Dropped Goals: M Jones.

S Wales P 19 Neath 25
South Wales Police: Tries: Apsee, Collins, Marshall. Cons: Marshall (2).
Neath: Tries: Reynolds (3), Llewellyn. Cons: Bird. Pens: Bird.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llanelli	20	17	1	2	823	237	35
Cardiff	21	17	0	4	620	259	34
Swansea	21	17	0	4	538	310	34
Neath	21	13	0	8	434	328	26
Pontypridd	20	10	2	8	361	286	22
Bridgend	21	10	1	10	365	376	21
Newport	21	10	0	11	456	494	20
Pontypool	20	8	0	12	398	473	16
Aberavon	21	7	0	14	261	465	14
Newbridge	21	6	0	15	240	479	12
S Wales Police	21	3	1	17	235	575	7
Maesteg	20	3	1	16	227	565	7

Second division

Blaina 3 Tenby U 28
Dunvant 26 Glamorgan 10
Llanharan 21 Abertillery 10
Penarth 20 Ebbw Vale 0
Tredegar 16 Cross Keys 25

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunvant	20	16	0	1	459	128	38
Llanharan	21	15	1	5	416	196	31
Cross Keys	21	15	1	5	429	281	31
Narberth	21	14	1	6	321	197	29
Tenby Utd	21	12	1	8	426	227	25
Glamorgan W	21	11	0	10	345	372	22
Abertillery	21	10	0	11	346	339	20
Llandovery	21	7	0	14	279	526	14
Penarth	21	7	0	14	229	526	14
Ebbw Vale	20	7	0	13	183	327	14
Blaina	21	3	0	18	192	504	6
Tredegar	21	2	2	17	184	406	6

Club matches

Bath	16	Gloucester	17
Bedford	57	Sheffield	17
Clifton	12	Blackheath	15
Coventry	18	Maesteg	21
Leicester	43	Sale	8
Lon Scot	7	Stargcons	47
Met Police	12	Richmond	29
Nottingham	57	L Welsh	34
Orrell	11	Moseley	24
Preston G	38	Northern	28
Rosslyn P	22	Harlequins	23
Walsall	28	Weston S M	10
Waterloo	6	Bristol	22

CANCELLED: Askeans v Uchfield; Broughton Park v West of Scotland, London Irish v Morley; Newcastle Gosforth v Vale of Lune; Northampton v Wakefield; Otley v Durham.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: CLOB merit table: KCS Old Boys 43, Old Mithlians 10. Hertfordshire merit table: Tabard 50, Hamel Hempstead 7. Middlesex merit table: Hampstead 21, Lansbury 19 Seven counties merit table: Havant 60, Streatham and Croydon 3.

SUPER 10 CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A: Ballymore: Auckland 22, Queensland 21. Durban: Natal 56, Western Samoa 13. Pool B: Sydney: N Sth Wales 17, Waikato 13. Johannesburg: Transvaal 39, N Harbour 13.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Premier League

Ipswich v Norwich (all ticket, 7.45)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Sutton v Carshalton. First division: Dorking v Tooting and Mitcham; Purfleet v Aveley.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde v Marine; Winsford v Gainsborough. First division: Curzon Ashton v Warrington. First division Cup: Final: Guiseley v Bridlington.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Bashley.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham v Wolverhampton (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Coventry (7.15); Port Vale v Scunthorpe (7.0); York v Bradford (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Bristol City; Luton v Chelsea (2.0); Millwall v Charlton (2.0); Wimbledon v Fulham (2.0). Second division: Torquay v Cardiff (2.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final: Second leg: Leeds v Norwich.

CRICKET

Final day of three

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Yorkshire (11.30)

Second day of three

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Lancashire (11.30).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Sheffield).

SQUASH: Hi-Tec British Open (Wembley).

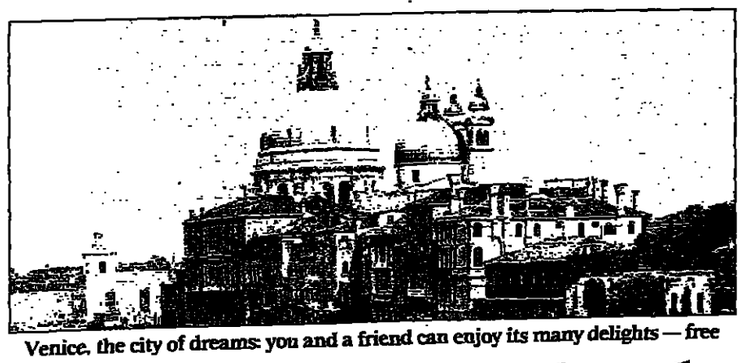
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B 3 hours and 59 minutes.
C 4 hours and 45 minutes.

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Athletes flying on the side of angels

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Airborne forces: Dominique Dawes, of the United States, gracefully defies gravity during her routine on the asymmetric bars at Birmingham



SIMON BARNES
at the world gymnastics championships

All my life I wanted to fly. That is why, when I was a child, I turned to gymnastics, and that is why I still love gymnastics." This from Sarah Baldwin, editor of *Gym Stars* magazine. "I used to dream of flying; I still do."

Of course she does: and so do we all, if we have any luck. The flying dream is a classic of books on dreams. Such dreams are often thought to represent triumphant and ecstatic sexuality. They are the most vivid of all our pleasant dreams: who has not (I hope I am not giving too much away here) experienced the delights of serene nocturnal swooping about the universe?

To defy gravity is the greatest of all human dreams, and the greatest of human ambitions. It is irresistibly attractive in whatever form it can be found. To escape gravity is, in a sense, to escape the human condition. Why else do angels have wings?

Sport expresses the urge for flight in a thousand different ways. To ride horses, especially fast and over fences, is as close as I have ever come to flight outside dreams. Skydivers and hang-gliders seek flight in the most literal possible way. Rock climbers and mountaineers seek to defy gravity in their own ways: for there is no emotional appeal in climbing down an impossible face: the joys are all in ascent.

So many of the non-confrontational sports are concerned with this age-old urge to escape from gravity. Even golf, a piffling game to my prejudiced eyes, is about flight. The secret of the game's notorious addiction is the soul-deep satisfaction which, its victims tell me, comes when you send that impossible little ball into a soaring, steepling parabola.

It is the glory of flight that gives gymnastics its huge appeal. Certainly it is not personality, not since the days of Olga Korbut. The stars are remote, unknowable, ever-changing and terrifyingly young. The technicalities are far beyond most of the people who watch televised gymnastics, but it does not matter.

To revel in the gymnasts' defiance of gravity is to fly a little ourselves. That is why the BBC has 22 cameras here: that is why gymnastics is one of the biggest television drawcards at the Olympic Games.

Example: a gasp-evoking move from Grigori Misiutin, of Ukraine. In fact, it was so ludicrously simple a move that I can actually do it myself: a diving forward roll (occasionally performed as part of involuntary dismount from horse). But Misiutin can do it with the extraordinary height and grace, the perfect control of the boneless landing. Because it was so simple the eye could follow it all, and it was one of the most spectacular moves of the day. He flew.

Every apparatus in gymnastics is designed to show a different way in which gravity can be conquered. But the most vivid of them all is the men's high bar, the last event of the championships. Sergei Charkov won it yesterday afternoon with a scintillating routine: swooping through the air and making occasional touches on the bar for the sake of convention. He included four impossibly high release-and-catches. The series of routines, many of them concluding with a near-ludicrous triple-somersault dismount, were a fine conclusion to strangely satisfying week in Birmingham.

Another spectacular gravity-defying move is called *le Thomas*, and it was invented by Neil Thomas, of Britain. On Saturday, Thomas became the first Briton to win a world championship medal in the modern era of gymnastics: he came equal second on the floor. It was a great personal triumph after a very sticky patch in the qualifying section of the tournament.

As a touch of irony, he failed to include *le Thomas* in his routine, and had he done so — and landed it — he would probably have sneaked the gold. He had beefed up his routine with difficult elements for the final, and, naturally, he had planned *le Thomas* as the grandstanding finish.

The move is a double-twisting forward somersault performed in the position of attention. But as Thomas took flight, he realised he had got the take-off slightly wrong. He was short on height and power. So, thinking not so much on his feet as in mid-air, he aborted one of the twists, landed cleanly, and won his silver. Salute him; this was as great an achievement as being a Brit in a Wimbledon final.

That fine line between risk and safety is the essence of competitive gymnastics. The world's top gymnast, Vitaly Scherbo, of Belarus, came to the championships with a go-for-broke reputation and left having showed the world a conservative streak. That was still good enough to win gold on parallel bars and vaults yesterday, to go with his overall title. More than most he has been making the calls. "It's like playing blackjack," said Steve Nunno, coach of the women's champion, Shannon Miller, of the United States, who has been calling his game to perfection all week.

But the pair's hopes were emphatically busted in the beam final, as Miller fell twice and tumbled on her dismount. The beam is yet another example of the gymnast in single combat against gravity. The aim is to make the thin strip of wood seem as vast and as safe as the open floor.

Li Li's break-dancing on the beam was the most spectacular routine in the entire women's competition: in the all-round competiton she caught the crowd in eye-rubbing disbelief.

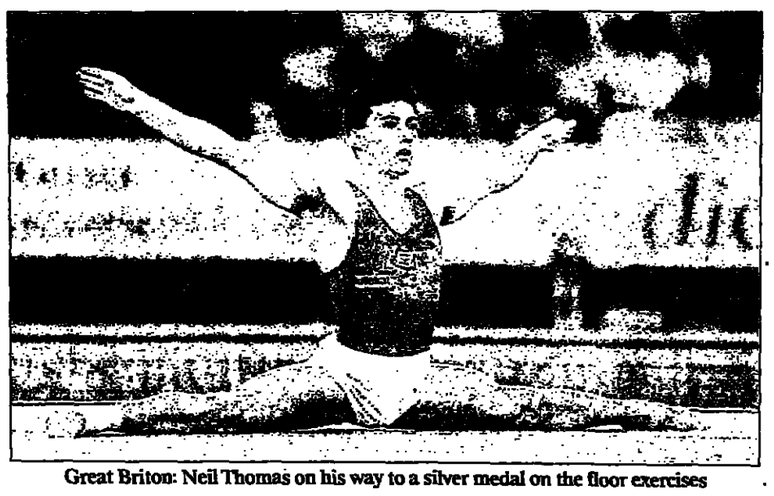
But she went over time yesterday, incurred penalties, and that cost her a medal. Lavinia Milosovici able to play it safe and error-free from the advantage of last place in the draw, eclipsed the vaulting ambitions of the rest.

But there is steel in these extraordinary little girls. Miller, indisposed for the beam medal ceremony, reappeared for the floor and, in a tensely fought competition, came out last and swooped decisively about the hall, all her calm, chill precision restored to her.

One final thought. The human desire to break the law of gravity seems to stem from one of two possible sources.

The first is a spiritual explanation: it is an urge to soar beyond human experience, beyond body itself, into the loftiest zones of human aspiration: immortality, no less.

The second is that the need to test and conquer gravity is a legacy of our tree-dwelling ancestors. To recall the famous question of Disraeli: is gymnastics on the side of the apes, or on the side of the angels? I'll leave that one with you.



Great Briton: Neil Thomas on his way to a silver medal on the floor exercises

Dittmar gains second final at Open

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

CHRIS Dittmar, the world No. 2, reached the second British Open final of his career at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday after sternly resisting the extraordinary racket skills of his Australian compatriot, Brett Martin, to win 9-4, 9-1, 1-9, 10-8 in a 49-minute semi-final.

The left-hander dealt with Peter Marshall, the England No. 1, in almost identical fashion, 9-1, 9-2, 7-9, 9-4, in the quarter-finals on Saturday and looked strained in that match, trailing 3-4 in their fourth game. Yesterday, after a similar two-game start, Dittmar dropped the third game to Martin in nine minutes and was 3-8 down in the fourth before he stopped the rot.

"Frankly I was out-played in the third and fourth games. Brett stopped making mistakes. He is unplayable when that happens. Then he hit three tins in four rallies and I was looking at a bit of daylight again at 6-8," Dittmar said.

The sophisticated and controlled squash played under immense pressure this weekend was in stark contrast to the raw game that carried Dittmar as a 21-year-old into the 1985 final at Wembley. Then he lost in straight games to Jahangir Khan. "I was not ready for the occasion then," he said after yesterday's win. "Now I am already thinking about the final."

He was expecting another Pakistani, either the top seeded Jansher Khan or Zarak Jahan, in tonight's final. Zarak, 26, a former world No. 9 returning to tournament play after two years of injuries and disciplinary bans, had already marked this event by advancing from the first preliminary round on Good Friday to the semi-final against the champion.

He played eight matches in nine days, the last a courageous fightback in the quarter-final from 7-8 and matchpoint down against Simon Parke, the England No. 3, to win 3-9, 6-9, 10-8, 10-8, 9-1.

Michelle Martin, also of Australia, reached her first British Open final with 9-2, 10-9, 10-8, semi-final win yesterday over Sue Wright, the Kent player who removed the third-seeded England No. 1, Cassandra Jackman, from the previous round.

The second-seeded Martine Le Moignan also fell in the quarter-finals to the Australian, Sarah FitzGerald. But Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, compensated with the removal of the fourth-seeded Liz Irving, another Australian.

RESULTS: Men: Second round: R Norman (NZ) bt A Hands (Eng), 9-4, 8-10, 6-9, 9-1, 9-4; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Lord (Eng), 9-4, 9-0, 9-1; S Parke (Eng) bt D Harris (Eng), 9-1, 9-0, 9-6; Zarak Khan (Pak) bt M Carlyon (Aus), 9-4, 9-2, 9-0. Quarter-finals: C Dittmar (Aus) bt P Marshall (Eng), 9-1, 9-2, 7-9, 9-4; B Martin (Aus) bt R Eyles (Aus), 9-5, 9-6, 6-9, 9-2; Jansher bt Norman, 9-0, 9-6, 10-9; Zarak bt Parke, 3-9, 6-9, 10-8, 10-8, 9-1. Semi-final: Dittmar bt Martin, 9-4, 9-1, 1-9, 10-8. Women: Quarter-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt H Wallace (Can), 9-2, 9-4, 9-4; S Wright (Eng) bt C Jackman (Eng), 10-8, 9-4, 9-6; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt M Le Moignan (Eng), 10-8, 4-9, 10-8, 9-1; S Horner (Eng) bt L Irving (Aus), 9-7, 2-9, 10-8, 10-8. Semi-final: Martin bt Wright, 9-2, 10-9, 10-8.

Rare tour success for France after play-off

By MEL WEBB

JEAN Van de Velde became the first French golfer to win a PGA European Tour event for 23 years when he defeated Greg Turner, of New Zealand, at the third hole of a play-off in the Rome Masters at Castelgandolfo yesterday. Had it not been for the actions of a sharp-eyed spectator the day before, however, he might never have been given the chance.

For four hours on Saturday, Jamie Spence was sharing the lead with Van de Velde, only to be disqualified after a spectator had reported him to Andy Stubbs, the tournament director, for taking an incorrect drop.

Spence was entitled to relief when his drive came to rest on a spectator walkway at the long 15th, but instead of moving eight paces to the right — the nearest point of relief — he went 13 backwards and played his shot from there.

Stubbs hauled Spence back from his hotel and the two went back to the scene of the crime and reconstructed the incident. Stubbs told Spence that he should have taken a two-stroke penalty for dropping in the wrong place, and since he had signed for a 72, not the 74 it should have been, there was no alternative but to disqualify him. An unintentional mistake it was, but in these matters, the rules of golf do not allow for flexibility.

The distraught Spence, pushing hard for a place in Europe's Ryder Cup team, was therefore left to rue the £50,000 winner's prize — and an equal number of Cup points — that might have got away. "It was the biggest mistake of my life," the 29-year-old from Kent said. "It was my fault and I was absolutely devastated. I can only hope it doesn't cost me a place in the Ryder Cup."

Van de Velde, left with a one-stroke lead, looked to be heading for his maiden victory on the full European Tour — his only other win had been in the UAP under-25 championship in 1988 — when he led by two strokes with nine holes to play.

However, he ran up a double-bogey seven at the dreaded 15th, the scene of Spence's downfall, and Turner chipped in for a birdie two at the 17th to draw level.

Both players finished on 281, seven under par, and following halves at the first and second play-off holes, Turner made a decisive error on the third when he chipped pawkily and missed his putt for par from eight feet. It left Van de Velde, 64th in the order of merit last season, to become the first Frenchman to win on the Tour since Jean Garaialde took the German Open in 1970.

Meanwhile, Spence, an ardent Arsenal supporter, flew home as the final round got under way, but could not even bear the thought of going to Wembley to see his team in the Coca-Cola Cup final. He had already played his big match of the weekend — and lost.

RESULTS

MEN: Floor: 1, G Misutin (Ukr), 9.400pts; equal 2, N Thomas (GB) and V Scherbo (Belarus), 9.350. Pommel horse: 1, Gil Su-pae (N Kor), 9.750; 2, A Wecker (Ger), 9.425; 3, K Schupkegel (Hun), 9.400. Rings: 1, Y Chechi (It), 9.625; 2, Wecker, 9.575; 3, I Ivankov (Belarus), 9.500. Vault: 1, Scherbo, 9.612; 2, Feng Chih Chang (Taiwan), 9.487; 3 Yoo Ok-ryul (S Kor), 9.512. Parallel bars: 1, Scherbo, 9.600; 2, I Korobchinski (Ukr), 9.525; 3, V Belenky (Uzbekistan), 9.475. High bar: 1, S Charkov (Russ), 9.450; 2, M Gherman (Rom), 9.375; 3, Z Supola (Hun), 9.350. WOMEN: Vault: 1, Y Piskun (Belarus), 9.762; 2, L Milosovici (Rom), 9.737; 3, O Chusovitina (Uzbekistan), 9.718. Asymmetric bars: 1, S Miller (US), 9.887; 2, D Dawes (US), 9.800; 3, A Cacovean (Rom), 9.787. Beam: 1, Milosovici, 9.850; 2, Dawes, 9.725; 3, G Gogean (Rom), 9.650. floor: 1, Miller, 9.787; 2, Gogean, 9.737; 3, N Bobrova (Russ), 9.712.

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Access to professional theatre outside the big cities is now a matter of luck. **Andy Lavender** reports

Here, there and nowhere?

Liverpool Football Club is closing down. Now football fans in the north-west must travel over 50 miles to the nearest ground, that of Stoke City, to follow the game they love. Manchester United is relocating to London, where it will still be known as Manchester United. Meanwhile, Wimbledon Football Club is receiving a development grant.

None of this is true, of course. But as an imperfect analogy it helps to illustrate the peculiar hotch-potch which is currently British theatre. If you live in Manchester you can go to the theatre every night of the week and still have a choice between matinees. If you live in, say, Basildon you cannot locally see any professional theatre whatsoever. Essex Man is perplexed.

And last month further bemusement settled on the south when the much-respected Cambridge Theatre Company announced that it is moving to London but keeping its name, in response to a cut in funding from Cambridge City Council. What is going on?

Actually the latter case is not as clear-cut as it might seem ("Villainous Council applies Jackboot to Innocent Theatre Company"). The Cambridge Arts Theatre, home of CTC, is closing for refurbishment. The theatre company wanted more money to cover its loss of revenue while not performing. "They've got a very good point," says a spokesperson for the city council. "But we've got a very restricted budget. This year we've had to ask — I'm afraid to put it crudely — 'What are we getting for our money?' "

Crude or not, such questions are on the lips of local authority accountants across the country. The blow is a soft one for CTC because the company in any case receives most of its support from the Arts Council to operate as a touring organisation. Being based in London will hardly hamper that. As it is, the company rehearses in London, and its most recent show, Marivaux's *The Game of Love and Chance*, was a co-production with the London-based National Theatre and Gloria. Indeed, this finished its tour at the National's Cottesloe Theatre where it looked every inch a sophisticated, metropolitan piece of entertainment.

But CTC's story points to the latest blot on the British cultural landscape: the lack of anything resembling a long-term strategy to ensure that excellent theatre is available to people across the whole of Britain.

The problem is simple. Theatre provision depends on funding from the Arts Council (currently debating how to handle a budget reduction for 1994-5), from local authorities (currently debating how to stay within spending limits), or from both working in tandem, each partner committing the same amount of money under loose parity agreements. Double jeopardy for the performing company, then: if one funder pulls out, both may.

What if the local authority gets cold feet? The arts do not save lives, feed schoolchildren or put roofs over the heads of single-parent families. Their benefits are much less tangible. No wonder they are the first to go. As I write, the list of venues, companies and projects facing a chop of some kind forms a litany of pain which reaches from Worcester to Walsall to Wyvern.

> 'The picture is not all gloomy, which only makes things more perplexing'

The general picture is not all gloomy, which only makes things more perplexing. Century Theatre, for instance, one of England's premier touring companies, recently moved from Keswick to Crewe. Crewe & Nantwich Council, investing in the arts, has built a venue to the company's specifications, thus creating a regional asset. Century's case points up the arbitrariness of the nation's dramatic diet: healthy here, starvation-level there.

"In the north we used to tour regularly to places like Scunthorpe, Rotherham and Wakefield," explains Century's administrative director, Keith Halsoll. "They are no longer on the circuit, because their local authority grants have been cut. Some of the most exciting work at the moment is being done by middle-scale companies, and it is being denied to whole areas of the country."

Shouldn't the Arts Council be doing something about this? Ian Brown, the Arts Council's director of drama, reports that most marriages between his department and local authorities are still strong, but he accepts that if a local authority has no desire to opt in, the Arts Council can hardly force it to. Nor, he suggests, is this his job. "Let's take the case of Basildon," he explains. Indeed: Basildon's Towngate Theatre (privately-run) closed last year, after the Conservatives won the local elections on a platform which included the pledge of zero-funding for the theatre. "We had no means and no right to say to Basildon Council 'You must keep this theatre open'. How could we? That would be anti-democratic. After all, people vote for their councils."

Surely the effect of local democracy is that Basildon is now a cultural desert? "Yes," concedes a spokesperson for Basildon District Council, after a long pause. "But we *are* within 30 minutes of the West End."

This kind of thinking is not good enough, according to those who provide the kind of adventurous theatre which you may not find in the West End but which does very well touring around the country. The word "crisis" is bandied around, not without reason, as companies find that venues they were once popular in no longer have the money to invite them back.

On the other hand, some venues are apparently so lukewarm in their dealings that you would think theatre was a punishment, not a pleasure. "There are places I don't ever want to go back to again in my life," admits Nick Philippou, the artistic director of Actors Touring Company. "Venues that are run by councils are often a nightmare, because very often everyone who works there is a jobsworth, from the top to the bottom. There's no excitement that you're there: instead you're just another inconvenience to them."

He points to a more substantial problem. "If venues disappear, a theatre-going public will disappear with them, because many people do not want to travel to the nearest city to pay £14 to see a show."

The mystifying thing about all this is that *nobody is to blame*. The Arts Council puts it down to the vagaries of local democracy. National Heritage Secretary Peter Brooke, for the government, conceded the necessity of "an overall policy framework" when outlining recent legislation which delegated many of the Arts Council's responsibilities to the regional arts boards. But he was very misty about who should nail the framework together.

The Arts Council, for its part, has hardly enhanced its credibility of late. Its strategy paper, boldly entitled *A Creative Future*, was widely ridiculed on its publication in January as a collection of meaningless platitudes.

Keith Halsoll comes up with an interesting concept: rather than there being no villains of the piece, there is actually a "plurality of blame" which implicates the government, the Arts Council *and* regional arts boards. This sounds plausible. There are enough touring companies doing excellent work: why penalise half the nation by denying them access to it?

Of course there needs to be a consistent national strategy. Of course this should be the responsibility of the Arts Council. But in that case the government has to empower it, not hasten its metamorphosis into a stumbling absentee landlord.

Meanwhile Halsoll, in stolid northern fashion, prognosticates a terrible scenario: "The number of venues available to the middle-scale is spiralling down and the centre of that spiral is London. We're going to be left playing to a circuit of venues based around the M25." That really *would* keep people away from the theatre.



JEREMY YOUNG

Sophisticated, co-produced tour: Cambridge Theatre Company's *The Game of Love and Chance*

TELEVISION

Not the murder she wrote

Of course one hates to be a nit-picker, but when a grave miscarriage of justice occurs in the opening story of a new classic-detective serial, it is surely one's duty to point it out. This Alleyn bloke, honestly, he's useless. Forget the much-lauded charm and breeding of the man, forget his tailored suits (or "se-utes", as the 1940s elocution coach would clearly prefer); how did it go unnoticed that he fingered the wrong cove?

There we were last night, safe in the guilty-vicarage 1940s world of the new **Inspector Alleyn Mysteries** (BBC 1), same producer as Miss Marple, based on Ngaio Marsh. Nothing untoward here, thank goodness — starry cast, period motors, and country-house weekend formula, leading to ooch! ouch! priceless dagger in the back, and where-were-you-Sir-Hubert-when-the-lights-went-out. All the classic bits in place. And then nobody *noticed* when the true murderer *gave herself away*!

The suspects are gathered around the baronial staircase for a traditional re-enactment of the crime; "I need a volunteer," says Alleyn (Patrick Malahide) softly, always the gent. And then it happens, the great giveaway, this woman gasps out, "The dagger! It's back where it was on the wall!" Now, sorry to get technical, but when that dagger was placed on the wall before the murder, this woman had just gone upstairs to dress for dinner. I re-wound the tape, and I checked. So the next time she saw the dagger — if she was innocent, I mean — it was sticking out of her lover's back on the hearth-rug, glinting in the blaze. Ergo, she did it.

"Ah-ha!" I said, leaping out of my chair. But blow me, Alleyn arrests the nice little husband instead, and it's all over: the credits roll. It was awful. I was left saying "Ah-ha!" to nobody in particular, feeling rather like the hapless Piglet in the Winnie-the-Pooh story, when Kanga refuses to guess what "Ah-ha!" means and, just to make him feel even more uncomfortable, lathers him all over with a big rough sponge.

Aside from this serious lapse in crime detection, should we trust Alleyn? After all, if his "mysteries" are to fill the gap in early-evening classic crime left by the lamented retirement of Miss Marple, it is important we believe him qualified for the job. The trouble with Patrick Malahide, I feel, is that he is too good an actor to play this wafer-thin embodiment of public-school courtesy and first-class tailoring. Chief Inspector Alleyn keeps his voice down, doesn't get cross, and modulates his tone between mild exasperation and mild deductive curiosity. He is an ornament to any social occasion. I found myself wishing that someone would set fire to his trousers.

In the next four weeks Alleyn will no doubt reveal his special method for solving crimes, and with luck the investigation won't always hinge on his artistic girlfriend's astounding ability to produce a perfect photofit likeness of a villain from 30 feet away, when not really trying. But the most unsettling thing about Alleyn in this first story was his utter lack of theories; he just allowed the evidence to accumulate, suspected everybody equally, and waited 90 minutes to find out who did it. So it was hardly surprising, I suppose, that when he finally glanced at the clock and realised that *A Year in Provence* was about to start, he panicked, jumped to conclusions, and tragically nabbed the wrong person.

LYNNE TRUSS

DONALD COOPER



Musetta (Juliet Booth, left), Mimi (Jane Leslie MacKenzie) and Rodolfo (William Burden)

OPERA: Puccini fast-forwarded to the world of 1950s' films

Passionate as well as playful

La Bohème
Grand, Leeds

When Opera North announced that Phyllida Lloyd would be directing a revival of David Freeman's production of *La Bohème*, it was difficult to believe that it would ever actually happen. For one thing, Freeman's production, with its spurious and intrusive narrator, was scarcely worth reviving; for another, there would be no point in engaging a director as imaginative as Lloyd to execute an interpretation, even a valid one, by somebody else. Happily, what might well have been a problem was solved before it arose by an injection of funds from Yorkshire Television, which made this welcome new production (in Italian) possible.

Phyllida Lloyd and Anthony Ward, the designer who collaborated with her on Opera North's brilliantly playful production of Chabrier's *L'Etoile* a couple of years ago, see *Bohème* in terms of 1950s cinema. Within the frame that surrounds the stage picture familiar screen images periodically come into view — most prominently a huge blown-up Hollywood kiss, most provocatively Schaunard in a glamorous blonde wig and the flying skirt of Marilyn Monroe. They don't make a fetish of either the period or the cinema allusions — Marcello progresses from Jackson Pollock action-painting to Andy Warhol screen-printing between winter and spring, while Mimi develops from pony-tail and fringe to unkempt student revolutionary in an even shorter period — but they are consistent enough to create an atmosphere, or at least a familiar context, in which to present the story.

Some scenes work better than others. Given a power failure to prompt Mimi to call on her neighbour for a light for her candle, the first act is effectively set in what could be a boiler room or a garage, with a dirty fridge and an old motorbike. The film-musical routines imposed on a chrome and red Café Momus are fussy, sometimes distracting, but generally amusing. The back-street nightclub in place of the tollgate and the tavern doesn't work, not because words acquire meanings they didn't have before, but because, until Mimi enters, the music neither suits the sleazy setting, nor fits the rhythm of events.

For the most part, Puccini and the concept co-exist quite happily: it is true that the music is pure turn-of-the-century, but the average 1950 film score was scarcely more advanced and certainly no less sentimental. Besides, Roy Laughlin — who wastes no time taking a bow on his entry to the pit, but plunges straight into the first act — conducts with such passion that he sweeps most academic doubts aside. He even gets William Burden, who is a very likable Rodolfo but an insecure and apparently timorous tenor, to open out in his first-act duet with Mimi and to do it not only ardently, but impressively as well. Robert Hayward's aggressive Marcello is outstanding among Rodolfo's arty friends (variously costumed in leather jackets and sloppy sweaters) and he is well partnered by Juliet Booth's Musetta, an Ava Gardner-ish figure.

If there is no specific film-star role for Jane Leslie MacKenzie as Mimi, she is very successfully herself, singing quite beautifully and developing in personality with every scene. Few Mimis have the courage to comply with Rodolfo's description of her as "una civetta": this one, the cat-like central character of the production, rather alarmingly does.

GERALD LARNER

JAZZ: **Alan Jackson** on an unassuming guitar hero

Modest maestro

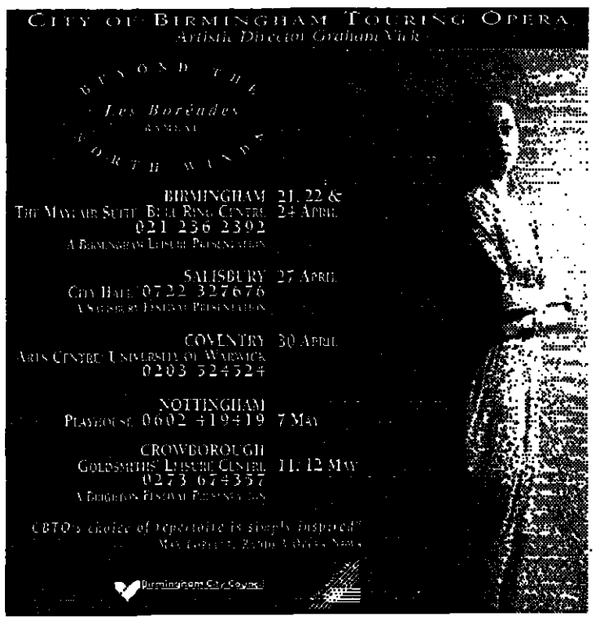
Pat Metheny
Hammersmith Apollo

Still boyish looking at 39, the tousle-haired Metheny makes a striking visual contrast with just about every other guitar hero one could name. While other similarly established maestros have allowed themselves to graduate from leather jeans to Versace suits, he continues to dress in the same carefree approximation of American campus chic in which he long since made his debut. And while those now-soberly-suited peers forsake facial grimaces and extravagant poses for demeanours of steely self-containment, he keeps on displaying the sunny disposition and unselfconscious charm that endeared him to audiences here from the very first time he stepped on to a British stage.

No question, though, that his musicianship has grown by leaps and bounds. Always a dazzlingly proficient craftsman, he has become increasingly aware of form and melody, and the compositions on *Secret Story*, the album of last year upon which this current world tour is based, comprised the most sophisticated and ambitious work the Missouri-born Metheny has achieved in a career that has embraced both the avant-garde and the occasional left-field pop success.

On record that project involved the participation of a welter of distinguished guest musicians, including extensive contributions from a full symphony orchestra, with arrangements by Jeremy Lubbock. No easy thing, then, to recreate its often epic sound under live conditions. But here Metheny — in a 200-minute-plus performance — was blessed by the participation of eight stellar players, including his regular trio of bassist Steve Rodby, drummer Paul Wertico and the sensational Brazilian percussionist Armando Marçal.

His compositional work has always displayed an exquisite sense of rhythmic tension, and here that helped to give continuity and resonance not only to recent material that could hardly have been more stylistically varied — from the gently acoustic "Always and Forever" to the floridly extravagant "The Longest Summer" — but also to the occasional long-familiar work such as an insistently powerful "Are You Going With Me?", or his beautifully impressionistic interpretation of Antonio Carlos Jobim's "Insensitive". Metheny thanked his fevered fans in the manner of one who had never had a standing ovation before, but such artlessness could not diminish the considerable sense of occasion his extraordinary artistry had built.



LONDON

TRISTAN UND ISOLDE: A chance for London audiences to see Welsh National Opera's new Wagner staging, directed and designed by Yannis Kokkos. Anne Evans and Jeffrey Lawton are the lovers, Delia Jones is Brangaene. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight, Fri, 5pm.

ITZHAK PERLMAN: The violinist plays Beethoven, Stravinsky and Saint-Saëns, accompanied by pianist Bruno Canino
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, 7.30pm.

D'OYLY CARTE: The Gilbert & Sullivan specialists turn to Offenbach during their annual season at Sadler's Wells. They perform *Orpheus in the Underworld*, in a co-production with Opera North, followed next week by *The Pirates of Penzance*.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LION IN THE STREETS: Julie Legrand, Sonia Ritter, Kerry Shale among the cast of a play by Judith Thompson (author of *The Crackwalker*) in which the ghost of a murdered girl searches for her killer through affluent Toronto.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Opens tonight, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, until May 15

THE BESHT TELLERS: Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant tales.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*, preview tonight, 8pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: previews Wed, Thurs, 8pm; opens April 27, 7pm.

THOMAS ALLEN: The accomplished baritone gives a lunchtime recital of one of the greatest song cycles ever written Schubert's *Die schöne Müllerin*. Pianist Roger Vignoles accompanies him.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061), 1pm.

TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN FRENCH ART: A collection from the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Lille reflects the cross currents in French art between 1700 and 1880. Included are some familiar works such as Delacroix's *Medea* and David's *Belisarius*, but its strength lies in fine works by academic painters little known in this country such as the symbolist Jean-Charles Cazin and the realist Luc-Olivier Merson, as well as the painter of the Revolution Louis-Leopold Boilly.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-6pm, until July 11

REGIONAL

OXFORD: After an extraordinary run of over eight years in the West End, the cheerful "Lambeth Walk" musical **Me and My Girl** goes on a nationwide tour. Noel Gay's effervescent Thirties score perfectly suits the story of a Cockney who inherits a coronet, and fills the ancestral home with his old pals.
Apollo Theatre, George Street (0865 244544). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat, Wed, Sat, 2.30pm

BRADFORD: *The Theatre of Comedy* Company and Hull Truck Productions present John Godber's **Happy Families** about the teenage growing pains of John.
Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street, (0274 752000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat, Sat, 2.30pm.

LEEDS. Nichola McAuliffe and Brian Protheroe head Jude Kelly's strong cast for *The Taming of the Shrew*, set in the 20th century.
Quarry, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and some Tues, 2pm. *Sat, 2.30pm, until May 15.*

BIRMINGHAM: The first visit to Britain since 1976 by the renowned family company of puppeteers, **The Salzburg Marionettes,** is secured by Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre. The marionettes will perform to recorded versions of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and *Don Giovanni*, and Offenbach's *The Tales of Hoffman*.
Alexandra Theatre, Suffolk Street, Queensway (021-633 3325). *The Magic Flute*, tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, until May 1.

BIRMINGHAM: Thomas Lang, the Liverpudlian singer/songwriter, who has been compared to Cole Porter and Edith Piaf, performs his own type of music in Brum.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street, (021-643 4525), tonight, Wed-Sat, 9pm.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 160mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN.** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kaye's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm 150mins

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 160mins

■ **MACBETH** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, 7.15pm

☐ **MISERY** Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 150mins.

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's *slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.*
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD:** Over-loud, ridiculous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). *Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 140mins.*

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT.** John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ◪ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . ☐ **Hay Fever:** Albery (071-867 1115) . . ☐ **An Ideal Husband:** Globe (071-494 5065) ◪ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) . ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon** *Theatre Royal, Drury Lane* (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera.** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from SWET

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15) Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **BODY OF EVIDENCE** (18). Predatory murder suspect Madonna hooks defence lawyer Willem Dafoe. Silly, sleazy attempt to rival Basic Instinct. Director, Uli Edel
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) ***Marble Arch*** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

DUST DEVIL (18). Hitch-hiking devil (Robert Burke) stalks the defenceless in Namibia's desert. Pretentious British mish-mash of other people's movies from style-conscious director Richard Stanley.
Scala (071-278 0051)

CURRENT

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG) Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy; with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. *Director, Steve Miner*
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **THE JUNGLE BOOK** (U): Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up of jungle characters inspired by Kipling.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) ***Marble Arch*** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG) Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama, with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **ONE FALSE MOVE** (18) Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route: filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

THE OX (12). A stark family tragedy from 1860s Sweden, beautifully recounted by director Sven Nykvist. Stellan Skarsgard and Ewa Froling as the luckless couple who kill their neighbour's ox.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

PARIS IS BURNING: Jennie Livingston's half-sad, half-exhilarating documentary about Harlem's drag balls of the late Eighties.
ICA (071-930 3647).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15) A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a *barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a* few spots of magic. With Chris O'Donnell, director, Martin Brest.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE SILENT TOUCH (15): Music student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **SPLITTING HEIRS** (12): Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from American usurper Rick Moranis. Lamentable British comedy; with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zita Jones. Director, Robert Young.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu): director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THEATRE: Classic American satire in Manchester; dismal British realism in Hampstead

Mean streets, generous comedy

Little Murders
Royal Exchange, Manchester

THIS claims to be the first British revival of Jules Feiffer's *Little Murders* since the Royal Shakespeare Company presented it in 1967. If anything, it has got more topical and timely since then. On my desk is a newspaper which reports that tourists visiting Florida have been advised to carry enough cash to ensure that everyday mugging does not escalate into terminal stabbing. And behind me the television is showing a documentary about an American woman who went on a killing spree after being sadistically raped and, as she waits to be electrocuted, is fending off offers for her story from Hollywood. Is Feiffer's satiric portrait of New Yorkers running amok with their guns really as outrageous as it seemed 26 years ago?

No; but the Newquist family, as Feiffer evokes it, is just as funny. Dad (insecurely swaggering Pip Donaghy) tries to hide the embarrassing facts that his younger son is a transvestite and his own first name is Carol. Mom (dim Brigit Forsyth) greets visitors by showing them baby-photos of her elder son, a war-hero and "friend to everyone" who bombed Vietnam and Cambodia and came home to be shot dead on 91st Street. A gaudy drinks trolley trundles about. A sighing, grunting caller interrupts what passes for conversation every few moments, provoking one weary Newquist to snap back "in my day we didn't have telephones to breathe into". Vulgarity, sentimentality and macho bluster congeal into a grisly gel, like cherry pie with chilli sauce and a topping of jellybeans.

The play's plot, not its strongest element, involves the Newquist daughter, Patsy, and Alfred, whose character she hopes to rejig to the best American specifications. He has taken refuge from an ugly world in detachment, and seems happy to stand daydreaming in the street while paranoiacs biff and pummel him. But when one of New York's many snipers kills Patsy, he belatedly converts to her creed, which is "if you don't fight you don't feel, and if you don't feel you don't love". This he expresses by trotting off to Central Park to beat up weaklings and, along with the others, to pot passers-by with a rifle.

There are caveats to be made. Sometimes the dialogue becomes too much like bubbles in some ravelled, knowing Feiffer cartoon: "Do you have any idea how many people worship me? But maybe that's the attraction, maybe I'd quit loving you if you *did* worship me." Moreover Jacquetta May's Patsy and George Anton's Alfred, though comically as adept as everyone else in Gregory Hersov's pacy production, are hardly the affable Schwarzenegger and the Amazonian Doris Day that Feiffer wanted. But overall the play reminds us how much bite the transatlantic drama had in the 1960s, and how much it has lost since.

Also, *Little Murders* is always amusing and sometimes hilarious, never more so than when a Greenwich Village vicar is revising the marriage service: "to love, whatever that means; to honour, remembering that dishonour is a form of honour: as long as you're not bored with each other . . ." Was Feiffer merely prescient, or actually psychic? The latter, surely.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



All mouth: Pip Donaghy (Carol) and Brigit Forsyth (Marjorie) in the Royal Exchange production of Jules Feiffer's satire, *Little Murders*

Flabby talk in the ranks

Death of a Giant
New End, Hampstead

IT LOOKS like a promising kitchen sink drama. Jim and Harry — mutually dependent ex-soldiers, one physically, one mentally handicapped by gunshot wounds — snore, stretch and go for a slash in their new flat. Linda Woodacre's set has everything including the aforesaid sink: beds, bookshelves, and frying bacon. Lamentably, David Henry Wilson's play is dragged down by contrived wordplay and clumsy symbolism, and the performances never attain naturalism.

Bruce Barnden's mimesis of Harry's brain damage and speech impediment is artificial. Still, he manages, with scarcely any words, to convey delicate intimations of love for Jim alongside anger and a comic sweetness.

This last quality, however, unfortunately constitutes one of the irksome points in Wilson's handling of this sensitive subject-matter. Harry's handicap apparently turns him into a child-cum-fool figure whom the audience smile upon with amused affection dangerously close to condescension and sentimentality.

Wilson's whole approach is ethically questionable. Becky, a tabloid journalist, insists on turning these men's lives into a storyline. They, however, want to remain incognito, only appearing in public disguised as a giant of able body and mind (Tim's head on Harry's legs). The play is clearly critical of her. Yet its plot uses precisely the narrative she seeks to exploit.

The dialogue in general lurches between maladroit bald statements of the play's underlying philosophies and empty small talk. Thus Hilda (Elizabeth Ross) — the mildly batty old woman from upstairs — sounds like a Sunday school lesson in social ethics. The didacticism is the more excruciating for being delivered in Ross's halting monotone and infected with the author's interminable wordplay: "You can't avoid the void" *et al*.

Conversely, but just as tediously, Jim (Zach Vanderfelt) *witters vacuously*. One couldn't help wishing he had lost the power of speech instead of Harry.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERT: A new South Bank orchestral series

Voices of the other Vienna

LPO/Welser-Möst
Festival Hall

WHAT is "alternative" Vienna? Every great Vienna-based composer, from Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert to Bruckner, Mahler and Schoenberg has, in a sense, been "alternative", since each in turn was either starved, ignored, vilified, ridiculed or at war with the Viennese musical establishment of his day. And deified by the same snooty crew after his death.

But to discover what the London Philharmonic and the South Bank mean by "Alternative Vienna" — the title of their new concert series — you must turn from the composers in the Premier League to those jostling to avoid relegation from the Third Division (South). Enter, with a suitable fanfare of newly-rediscovered tonality, Kurt Schwertsik and H.K. Gruber.

These two fiftysomethings talk impressively about re-establishing a "compact" between composers and audiences, and tend to wax lyrical about the Beatles and Frank Zappa. If this were 1968, how exciting it would all sound! But in 1993 there can scarcely be a composer alive who is not frantically reconstructing tonality and making new "compacts" with audiences. Schwertsik's Violin Concerto, vigorously championed by Sergej Stadler in the opening concert, gives the impression of a composer who has discovered not a new tonality but the music of Hindemith and Bartók.

With Bartók it shares a swirling, gipsy-ish modality; with Hindemith a penchant for nodding ironically at the past. The second movement in particular, bearing the aptly Schumannesque title *Album Leaf*, harks back to the "give 'em a nice tune, then play it again with embellishments" tradition of the virtuoso romantic concerto.

Peculiar to Schwertsik alone, however, is the lugubrious tuba-led orchestration, the stabbing pedal notes underpinning much quicker writing, and a strange short-windedness: nothing is developed, and in barely 20 minutes five movements are crammed in. How do we interpret this? A reaction against the massive musical statements of Vienna's past? A deep suspicion of high-flown emotional manipulation, born out of abhorrence of the Nazi era? Or just lack of confidence, a fear of boring the audience?

Hearing Mahler's gigantic Ninth Symphony immediately afterwards pointed up these questions of scale and ambition. Franz Welser-Möst conducted this epic "farewell to Vienna" as a young man contemplates death: melodramatically, raging against the dying of the light. Initially there was too much that was harsh, ill-blended and heavy-handed. Ultimately the energy of Welser-Möst's approach, and some richly sonorous LPO string-playing, won the listener over.

RICHARD MORRISON

DANCE: Brandstrup's ballet version of *Hamlet*

A prince out for a prance

Antic
Sadler's Wells

WHEN someone turns a play into dance, as Kim Brandstrup's *Antic* does to *Hamlet*, the obvious question is why — especially with a playwright of such rich verbal imagery as Shakespeare. You can aim primarily to tell the story, adapting it into physical terms, as Jonathan Taylor did in his excellent *Hamlet* for the Royal New Zealand Ballet, seen last year in Northampton. Alternatively, you can condense, concentrate and transform as Robert Helpmann did in his Freudian, surrealist *Hamlet* years ago, or Kenneth MacMillan in *Sea of Troubles*, his more recent deconstructionist study of *relationships among the same* characters.

Brandstrup, opting for the middle ground, does not achieve the clarity or the intensity of his predecessors. If you know the play by heart, it is possible to spot allusions in his mime, but following any kind of dramatic sequence is much harder. Brandstrup says he is after the emotional undercurrents, but his procedures seem too decorative and his characters too slight for this.

With Jeremy James to play the prince, he has introduced a slightly wider range of balletic movement than in his earlier work, but the repetitive steps never really illuminate the character: a little skipping jump, an arabesque and a roll on the ground do not tell us much about emotions.

Gertrude (Souli Yates) seems there mainly to have her neck bitten repeatedly by Claudius (Mark Ashman), or to be arranged like a dummy as bait to ensnare her son. Ophelia (Joanna O'Keeffe) is distinguishable mainly as the only courtier not in mourning: her movement is largely a matter of gestures.

Brandstrup's real innovation is making the ghost (David Scinto) the central character: his corpse lies on stage through the prologue, he takes over Hamlet's function as prompter during the "mousetrap" sequence with the travelling players, and has an extra entry at the end to celebrate his vengeance. But except for his lifting his son around at times, his role is basically a static one, staring and glowering.

If Brandstrup's Arc Company production relies more on pictorial groupings than expressive movement, *he gets no help from Ian Dearden's* dreary score, a background like supermarket Musak. The evening's most distinguished feature is Craig Gibbens's designs, principally in black and white, a chequered floor and *sinister tapestry intermittently* glimpsed through Tina MacHugh's gloomily atmospheric lighting.

I must record cheers and demonstrative applause from Brandstrup's admirers. But to me it seemed hardly more than doodling in the margins of the play.

JOHN PERCIVAL

ENTERTAINMENTS

ART GALLERIES

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Victoria Glendinning on the first novel for six years by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, winner of the 1975 Booker Prize for *Heat and Dust*

Monsters of give and take

Everything that Ruth Prawer Jhabvala writes is distinguished. Her new novel *Poet and Dancer* is distinguished by clarity of manner and bleak intensity of matter. It is not an exhilarating read, except in so far as hard truths and a coherent vision are exhilarating.

Poet and Dancer is set in New York at some unspecified period which could be the early 1960s. The city itself, repeatedly described at dusk, is a "fabulously shifting panorama" of tall buildings and twinkling lights where the streets, bridges, hotels and apartment buildings are never named. This cinematic soft focus has a hard justification. The story is about excessive, self-destructive people who construct magical dreams of their lives and loves and thereby escape unbearable realities and the humdrum of every day. Those whose affections are simple and sensible, and whose aspirations are reasonable, get trodden underfoot.

Lara and Angel are cousins. Lara is ravishingly pretty. Angel is plain. Angel loves Lara. Angel is the ultimate giver and Lara is the ultimate taker. Each needs the other to fulfil her ideal view of herself. Lara's demands are so extreme, and Angel's capacity for self-denying devotion so absolute, that the bond becomes mutually destructive. Angel is loved faithfully by a young Indian man who has himself, in his own family, had experience of a pathologically demanding person. But Angel, focussed on Lara and Lara's needs, never gives him her whole attention.

We have all known someone a bit like Lara. She is not presented as a case-history but as a magnetically attractive young woman who heightens experience for other people and makes everything more fun — at first. It is her manic self-centredness that makes her so compelling, reducing everyone around her to dazzled spectators. She is as outrageously inconsiderate as a three-year-old, and as easily upset. Angel sees herself as Lara's protector, and the only one who really understands her. Angel can refuse Lara nothing, and denies or makes excuses for Lara's cruelties and irrational responses, even for her physical violence.

Lara, the heroine of her own drama, "didn't really see people even when she looked at them". Yet she has the neurotic's perverse sensitivity, which lets her know exactly how to hurt the feelings of those close to her. She has no friends other than Angel and the people — mostly predatory men — whom she picks up casually in shops and hotel foyers. She aspires to be a great dancer, and later an actress, but somehow her teachers are never quite right for her special talent. Actually she has no talent at all, other than for playing herself. Lara lies and denies and inhabits a fantasy universe. When reality forces itself in on her she destroys both herself and Angel.



POET AND DANCER
By Ruth Prawer Jhabvala
John Murray, £14.99

Lara's damaged and damaging personality is explained by her background. Her unhappy mother sought comfort from Indian gurus and then committed suicide. Her father, a psychiatrist, flees from the reality of his patients' misery by devising a self-realisation course that can only be undertaken by those in perfect physical and mental health. His despairing response to Lara's descent into psychosis is to hand out more and more pills.

The conventional wisdom is that the best start in life for a child, and the best foundation for a stable adult life, is a loving family. That is what the doting Angel has had, but she is no more balanced than Lara. This novel subverts family values along with much else. It is an indictment of love as mutual dependency. The meshing of needs is an understood aspect of love, but emotional need easily becomes a fatal kind of addiction.

Angel's grandparents were a caring couple, utterly devoted to each other, to their daughter, and to Angel, their granddaughter. Angel received absolute attention from her extended family, along with unquestioning approval. Her childish poems were hailed as works of genius. She was passionately attached to her mother. On the principle, presumably, that you give what you get, she grew up with an emotional deformation that mirrored Lara's: she was conditioned to pass on the same kind of sacrificial love that she had received. The "wild longing" she had felt for her mother was transferred to Lara, with catastrophic results.

The comforting subtext to much fiction is that however difficult and horrible life may be, all is redeemed and made worthwhile by the power of human love. This is the humanistic version of Christian redemption and a modification of the "happy ever after" of romance. Ruth Prawer Jhabvala is not having any of it. Lara and Angel are surrounded by relations whose own pairings-off are in some way odd and unsatisfactory.

Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, in a novel that is measured and controlled in its execution, expresses a fascinated horror for all immoderate love and for the awful power that one person can wield over another. Manipulative belief systems as well as personal domination come under her silver hammer. Lara's mother, for example, was in thrall in India to "some fat holy man who oozed a honeyed mixture of religiosity and sexuality". If you did not know who this book was by, you might think of Francis King, on account of the "dark forces" at work, or of Anita Brookner in a promisingly baroque mode.

Poet and Dancer is a tragedy, and like all tragedy the bottom line is the struggle between good and evil. A room-service waiter in a hotel where Lara stays expresses the stark opinion that no one can help or rescue another person. There are good people and bad people, he says, and the bad ones win. Do not read this novel if you are feeling vulnerable right now. It is strong medicine. But if you can take it, *Poet and Dancer* may well shift your perspective on the supply and demand of unconditional love.

Mooning in Alexandria

Philip Howard

UNREAL CITY
By Robert Liddell
Peter Owen, £15.50

Here is a splendidly unfashionable little European novel republished after more than 40 years, showing larger cultural and social interests than are dreamt of in the philosophy of most contemporary English domestic fiction. The unreal city in the title is not London, under the brown fog of a winter dawn, but Alexandria (renamed Caesarea in the book), under a Mediterranean miasma, the first cosmopolis for all races and classes. But you are meant to spot the reference to Eliot.

It is the last year of the second world war, and Charles, a withdrawn and intellectual young English teacher of English to unrewarding students, is resurrected from killing grief at the death of his sister, and discovers Alexandria through a Platonic love for an aged Alexandrian Greek poet called Eugenides. He is actually Cavafy, in the last year of his life; and there is autobiography in the fiction.

The plot does not test concentration. The love is mainly intellectual and homosexual. Eugenides, like the emperor Hadrian the Magnificent, falls head over heels at the last gasp of life for a beautiful but dangerous sergeant, as it were Antinous. As Gibbon wrote of Hadrian, Cavafy was by turns an excellent prince, a ridiculous sophist and a jealous tyrant. Surely all poor mortal love is a bungled and makeshift affair. Not much good comes of it in this book, except a certain fanfare to oblivion, and an encouragement to always roaming with a hungry heart.

Robert Liddell is a forgotten literato. After Oxford he spent most of his life in Greece and Egypt. He was a graduate from that nest of dotty aesthetes and psalming birds, the British Council. As a critic he was a friend and fan of Ivy Compton-Burnett, Elizabeth Taylor and Barbara Pym. He was clearly a good man, lucky and unlucky enough to have one fewer layers of skin than most people are born with. He died last summer. His novels, long out of print, are being republished by Peter Owen.

Unreal City is good on the racial diversity and the gay jealousies of a very old, mixed city at a time of world crisis. It is crammed with oblique echoes and references to European literature from Dante to Proust. Liddell is sharp on the stiff-upper-lipped reticence and muddiness of the English, and the pride of the impossible Greeks, to whose tortuous minds some innocently meant remark is always interpreted as a veiled insult.

Apart from all that, this book is very funny in a Jane Austenish, mildly bitchy way. It eats its mixed fish as cleanly as a cat, and as parsimoniously as a Greek going for the eyes and the cheeks that Brits shudder at. Alexandria/Caesarea is a smaller place than it looks at first sight, in its slums and seediness and humanity. Very different people's lives interlock there, which was the founder's intention. It took a hung-up and timid Englishman to write such a book.

But from behind his unhappy mask, he showed a curiosity and love for all sorts and conditions of men and women that make this a good novel. If you want a complex, structured plot, forget it. If you want to understand more about the impossible melting-pot of European civilisation, done with wit, go for it.



Café Arabe by Henri Matisse. Painted in Morocco in 1912-13 and bought by Sergei Shchukin, the picture is now in the Hermitage, St Petersburg. From *Collecting Matisse* by Albert Kostenevich and Natalya Semyonova (Flammarion/Thames & Hudson, £35)

Charm of the light brigade

Robert Nye

TAXING THE RAIN
By Penelope Shuttle
OUP, £6.99 pbk

A MID-SEASON SKY
Poems, 1954-1991
By Harry Mathews
Carcanet, £8.95 pbk

85 POEMS
By Gavin Ewart
Hutchinson, £7.99 pbk

Penelope Shuttle is a woman of vision. The trouble is: vision of what? Her poems make bonfires of their own imagery, but it is hard to see what is illuminated by the blaze. Yet her writing, even where clumsy and repetitive, perhaps *most* where clumsy and repetitive, has that unfakeable urgency which comes from a complete confidence in the authority of one's own imagination. When I think of her I think of someone scribbling away, filling notebook after notebook with verses that possess her mind utterly, someone who probably has to tie a knot in her handkerchief to remind herself to knock off once in a while for a bite to eat.

Taxing the Rain, her new slim book of poems, is packed with storm and water stuff, mud and splashings, showers and flooded gardens, and there isn't an umbrella or a pair of welly boots anywhere in sight. Shuttle favours naked dalliance with the elements. A typical effusion begins *Holding the rain in your arms/you grow wiser, wetter!* before going on to recommend playing the rain like a musical instrument and answering the question *Is it horn or string or percussion?* with a blunt *It is all.*

Admitting that much of this strikes me as wet rather than wise, I have still to say that some of it is quite charming, in a dreamy surrealistic way. There is not a lot of craft to the lines, but the best ones have been to school with Sylvia Plath and Mother Goose and have a sort of simple singability. I wish I was more sure of the nature and meaning of Shuttle's vision, that's all. Sometimes she gives the impression of being at the mercy of her own imagination, which is perhaps the price she has to pay for such a fertile and distinctive talent.

Harry Mathews operates at the other extreme, at least on the surface of his collection *A Mid-Season Sky*, which is full of poems very artfully made, even manufactured. The central piece "Trial Impressions" might be taken as typical: it consists of 30 variations on John Dowland's *Deare, if you change* from that Elizabethan lutanist's *Second Book of Ayres*.

Since the Dowland is near-perfect, Mathews runs the risk of seeming a mere parodist, with his modern games turning it this way and that, without discernible purpose, save of demonstrating ingenuity. Yet the final variation, in a sestina of his own making, achieves an eloquence which almost justifies the whole eccentric enterprise:

Deare, if you change, I'll never think of earth
And its animals dwelling in ignorance of heaven.
Warm and wise without the comforts of fire,
Nested in the ground, or in water, or air,
Certain of their ways by the day and night stars.
With no use for knowledge, or need for faith.

An American, long resident in France where he is a member of that Oulipo group which revels in literary games and puzzles of all kinds, Mathews may be best known for his novels. This volume — which I would call *verse fiction* rather than poetry — does add an interesting dimension to the work in prose. In two elegiac poems addressed to his mother, Mathews speaks out sincerely, showing that his passion for artifice is a means of keeping strong feelings in check and not just gamesmanship.

The writing of light verse, let alone deliberately comic verse, is of course a tricky business. There is one contemporary who seems to me a master of it, and who gets better with each book. He is Gavin Ewart, now 77, and his *85 Poems* shows him at the height of his admirably unsolemn powers. Ewart is a skilled technician with a good rude sense of humour, considerable command of rhetorical effects, and a nice quirky interest in off-beat subjects. Here (because both wholly characteristic and short enough to quote in full) is "A Little Loyal Ode to the Queen Mother on her 90th Birthday":

Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon! It is fit that we
should drink to you in a very large G and T!
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but also because you thought The Waste Land by T. S. Eliot
was called The Desert Song!

This book, with its epigrams and threnodies, its limericks and potted lives, its jokes and romps and doggerel and crosswords, continues that celebration of all things bright and frivolous which Ewart has made his own. Yet under the cloak of wit there is a mordant mind at work, directing our attention to the facts of birth and copulation and death with the rudest of two-fingered salutes. Shuttle and Mathews will reward readers prepared to work on their opacities, but Gavin Ewart you can read for fun:

A big boy kneels at the edge of the sea,
A big balloon brandy there by his knee...
Whisper who dares! Credibility fails.
Kingsley Amis is singing to whales!

PAPERBACKS

WALDO
By Paul Theroux
Penguin, £4.99

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KISSING THE GUNNER'S DAUGHTER
By Ruth Rendell
Arrow, £4.99

MURDER moves up several notches on the social scale when the amiable Chief Inspector Wexford is called out to investigate a massacre at Tancred House. The shambles he finds there — a famous anthropologist, her daughter and an ex-politician all dead at the dinner table and still bleeding over the sole *bonne femme* — is only compounded by the horror of discovering the one wounded survivor, a young girl, wimpering in the corner. Rendell's imagery is as stunning as ever and her characters skilfully drawn.

LOOKING ON DARKNESS
By André Brink
Minerva, £5.99

BANNED for many years in his native South Africa for its portrayal of a mixed race relationship, Brink's seventh novel is the death-cell testimony of the black actor Joseph Malan, awaiting execution for the murder of his white lover Jessica. The verdict is announced almost before the story begins, and Joseph delves back into his ancestral history, laying bare the generations of oppression that have confused love and violence in his heart and in the spirit of his people.

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By Russell Banks
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Further information: Professor Roger Wales (613) 344 6378.

Applications close: 14 May 1993

Reference numbers: B5120000; B5120310; B5121190.

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Further information: Professor Ian McDonald, Head, Department of Economics (613) 344 5300, Fax (613) 344 6899.

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The meeting is convened for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, namely to consider the director's statement of affairs, to *appoint a Liquidator and to establish* if thought fit, a liquidation committee.
On the two business days falling next before the day on which this meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Leech Bright, Barrall House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8HG.
Dated this 8 day of April 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
C. Sweet, DIRECTOR.

AUMANN (U.K.) LIMITED
The Insolvency Act 1986
This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories of the above-named Company held on Friday 26th March 1993 Jamie Taylor of Messrs. *Taylor Gotham, Warren House,* 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY having provided written statements that he is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act, was appointed liquidator of the Company.
Dated the 26th March 1993
MR. MOSER, Chairman

GILBERT DOYLE ASSOCIATES LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Butcher Phillips & Co., 80 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on Friday 30 April 1993 at 11.00 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by *Joint Administrative Receivers.*
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if:
a. he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers, and
b. there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers at Butcher Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF a proxy which the creditor intend to be used on his behalf.
DATED this 14th day of April 1993
L. A. MANNING
Joint Administrative Receiver

No. 001812 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF AEG OLYMPIA (UK) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 31st March 1993 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £18,599,897 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 6th April 1993.
Dated this 19th day of April 1993
SIMMONS & SIMMONS
(RHB/AMC) 14 Dominion Street, London EC2M 2RJ
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF DOMINION INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
On 14 April 1993 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. A V Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator.
Creditors of the company are *requested to send details to* writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address.
Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Dated 16 April 1993.
A V Lomas, Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of liquidator Voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2277819.
Name of company: Keated Limited. Nature of business: Holding Company. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: P O Box 283 33 Holborn London EC1N 2NE. Liquidator name and address: Anthony Victor Lomas Price Waterhouse No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL. Office holder no: 7240. Date of appointment: 30 March 1993. By whom appointed: The Creditors. Date: 18 April 1993.
A V Lomas, Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of liquidator Voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2277827.
Name of company: Propwix Limited. Nature of business: Holding Company. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 35 St Thomas Street, London SE1 9QL. Liquidator name and address: Anthony Victor Lomas Price Waterhouse No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL. Office holder no: 7240. Date of appointment: 30 March 1993. By whom appointed: The Creditors. Date: 16 April 1993.
A V Lomas, Liquidator.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Erectaloc Limited
Registered number: 1308581
Nature of business: Electrical & mechanical engineers. Trade classification: 07 of Division 2 Engineering & Allied Industries. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Raymond Hocking and George Albert Auger (office holder nos:2322/01 and 1067/01. Address: Sloy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Peak Plant (Kent) Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Creditors wishing to vote at the *Meeting must lodge their proxy,* together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 26 April 1993.
For the purpose of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, *78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N* 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
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By Order of the Board
Barry Heal, Director.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Friday 23 April 1993 at 12.00 noon, *for* the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr S Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 14th day of April 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Mr N Hodgkinson, DIRECTOR.

R.W. ROBERTS HEATING AND PLUMBING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, *on Thursday,* the 29th day of April 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided in Section 98 of law.
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Dated the 13th day of April 1993
Trevor L. Williams, Director

Shenley Timber Supplies Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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By Order of the Board
Peter Burton, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
No 1102 of 1993
In the High Court in Bankruptcy
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Occupation Unknown
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Dated: 14 April 1993
R Hocking, Trustee.

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Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
Peter Burton, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
POT PINK LEISURE LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hallcroft, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PB was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 26th March 1993.
Dated this 14th day of April 1993.
J.C Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Systair Controls Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 78 Hatton Garden, London, EC1N 8JA on 29 April 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 28 April 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
Ronald Campbell, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
HA-LONG CATERING LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcroft, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PB was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 8th April 1993.
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J.C Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

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HUMBER POWER LIMITED
Notice of an application for consent to the extension of a *proposed generating station at South Humber Bank*

Notice is hereby given that Humber Power Limited ("the Company") has applied under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the Act") for the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to the extension of a proposed generating station *at South Humber Bank,* and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

The extension applied for consists of cooling works *comprising* conduits with an intake or intakes and an outfall or outfalls in the River Humber.

A copy of the application, a plan showing the land to which it relates and a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals *in more detail* and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, together with a copy of documents submitted in respect of a related application for an Order under the Transport and Works Act 1992, are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses:-

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Cleethorpes Borough Council, Civic Offices, Knoll Street, Cleethorpes, South Humberside DN35 8LN.

In addition, copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained at a cost of £10 from Cleethorpes Borough Council and also from Dyson Bell Martin, 1 Dean Farrar Street, Westminster, London SW1H 0DY, from whom copies of certain other documents relating to the application can also be obtained.

Any objections should be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Electricity Division, 1 Palace Street, Victoria, London SW1E 5HE, stating the name of the station and the grounds of objection, not later than 28th May 1993.

Humber Power Limited
16th April 1993.

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EDUCATION

Teachers, parents and politicians have three months to debate the far-reaching proposals for English teaching unveiled last week by the National Curriculum Council. Today, three experts give their views

A recipe for plummeting standards

What should be in the English National Curriculum? The question can be approached from two quite different directions. One is to say that it should open up possibilities. It should set out full programmes of study, which cover a wide range of skills and provide a framework within which English teachers can work out the strategies most useful in their own particular classrooms.

The other is to say that a national curriculum should pin down the basic skills which need to be taught, particularly those which can be easily described and quickly tested, thereby imposing some uniformity on the way children write or speak and the literature they read in school.

The first approach was taken by Professor Cox's committee, which produced the current curriculum used in schools since 1989. It takes the best ideas from traditional and progressive styles of teaching, emphasising the varied skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, and finds a sensible balance between technical and creative skills. Teachers have been using it enthusiastically and there is clear evidence that it has raised standards of teaching. However, the achievements of any pupil in following such a wide ranging curriculum can be properly measured only if continuous or teacher assessment is used to provide the main evidence for deciding pupils' levels of achievement when the time comes to grade them at the end of each key stage. That is the problem. This curriculum cannot be assessed by the sort of short sharp tests which involve questions with brief and certain answers, sometimes mistaken for precision.

The second approach is taken by the new curriculum presented this week. "The new proposals," said John Patten, "will simplify the present English curriculum by reducing the number of requirements — the statements of attainment — to be satisfied. But they will increase rigour by making those statements more precise and amenable to assessment." This is a bizarre statement. Rigour does not lie in making a simple list of skills which can be easily ticked off. It lies in developing — and controlling — complex ideas and skills.

The trouble with a narrowly prescriptive curriculum of this sort is that it will encourage bad teaching. If you tell teachers that, in order to achieve level five, their pupils must be able to spell correctly words "with inflectional suffixes and consonant doubling and vowel deletion" you are going to see a lot of children being drilled through interminable lists of "-ing" words which they may never use.

Few children learn to spell in that way. Many develop terminal boredom and standards generally are liable to plummet. Similarly, grammar cannot be effectively taught in isolation from meaning and through mechanical exercises. If, as the new curriculum suggests, children can achieve level six only if they write in complex sentences, controlling syntax and connectives, many teachers are going to get so hooked on connectives that there won't be time for the actual thoughts that are being connected.

There are other problems. Children are to be taught to speak correct standard spoken English at all times. Why? Because it is correct. The Cox curriculum requires that all children should be encouraged to use standard English when appropriate but also requires teachers to use their professional skills to decide when and how to introduce this to children who speak non-standard or regional varieties of English at home.

To test children as young as seven or eight on their ability to use standard grammar at all times must be counter-productive. It will inhibit their ability to express themselves clearly and to talk fluently at a young age and reduce their chance to acquire the skill of using standard spoken English effectively when they are older. It also ignores the richness of English in the different ways it is spoken.

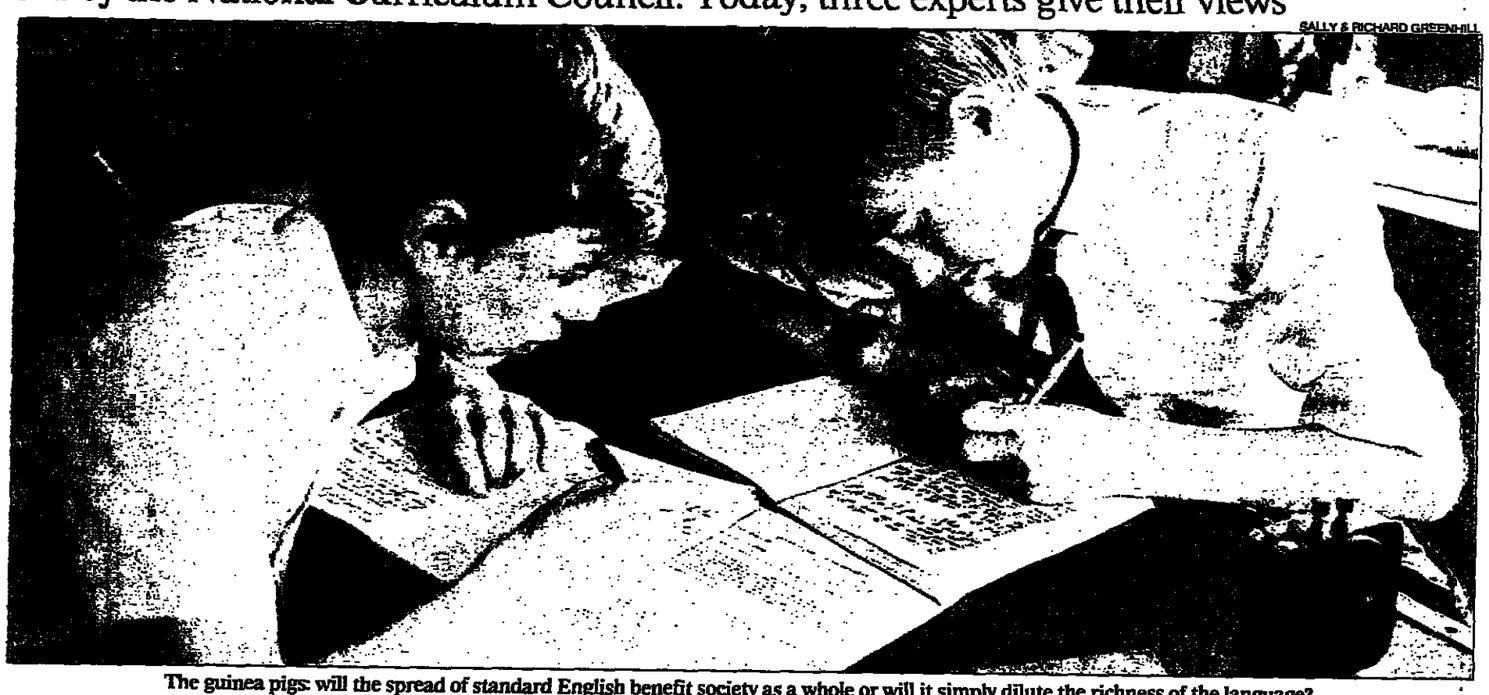
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It is the absence of opportunities in this new curriculum which will most sadden teachers. The present curriculum balances tests from pre-1900 literature (including compulsory Shakespeare) with texts in English from other cultures. This gives teachers a chance to select the literature which it is most worthwhile to read in their particular classrooms. Shakespeare, the 19th-century novel and poetry from all ages are widely read. There is no need to prescribe certain authors to be read at each key stage. It can only lead to a narrowing of the range of reading in schools.

Children need to read widely. They also need the skills to develop critical judgments about other media such as newspapers, radio and television which surround them all the time. Any curriculum which fears these new forms of "text" enough to keep them hidden out of the schoolroom is creating a serious rift between school and life. Nostalgia is all very well, but respect for the past must be tempered by a sense of the present, which will lead, in its turn, to a vision of the future. This new curriculum looks mainly to the past. We cannot afford to be dragged backwards.

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The guinea pigs: will the spread of standard English benefit society as a whole or will it simply dilute the richness of the language?

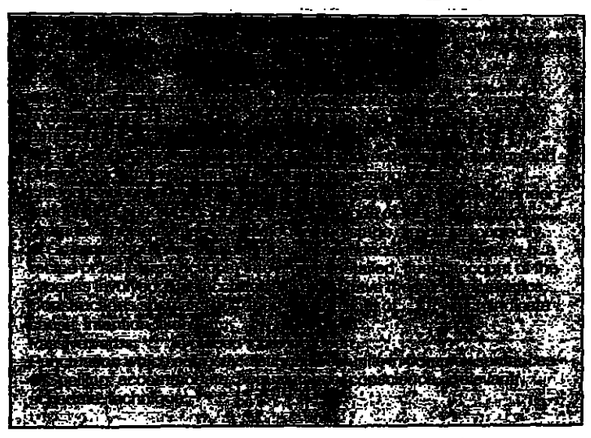
Level 1, Key Stage 1
EXAMPLES

- Initial reading skills: highlight the initial letters of children's names by singing a rhyme about the alphabet. Using objects, the names of which begin or end with the same sound (eg pen, pencil, paint, picture; coat, boat) list them and identify how the sound might be written.
- Comprehension: words such as: boy, girl, shop, cat, dog, mum, dad, book, big, small, they, I, we, you, was, had, can, come, go, and, of, the, to.
- Response to literature: talk about what happened to Jack at the giant's castle and how he escaped in the end.
- Information handling: after reading 'Conker' by Barrie Watts, talk about what happens to horse chestnut trees in autumn, relating the descriptions in the book to their own experience of conkers.

Level 5, Key Stage 2
COMMUNICATION

In a role play, enact the part of a key witness to an accident, explaining what happened, first to a policeman, and then to friends at home, varying the way of talking appropriately.

- Varied vocabulary: "The driver swerved to avoid the dog. His wheels skidded on a patch of black ice and the car careered into the oncoming traffic".
- Plurals: 'three miles' not 'three mile'.
- Connectives: 'because', 'so that', 'even though'.
- Adjectives and adverbs: '... driving dangerously'.
- Pronouns: 'Pass me the ... Dave and I (not me) are going to ...'
- Negatives: '... haven't seen anybody' (not nobody).
- Mark tenses: '... and always ... up ...'



Standard English is a non-negotiable asset

To those involved in its preparation, publication of the NCC's Review of National Curriculum English has come as a release. Instead of being bound by confidentiality to remain silent in the face of inappropriate criticism, notably from Professor Brian Cox, chairman of the working group which drew up the original Order, we can now refer teachers, parents and governors directly to the document so that they can judge for themselves.

Did we take a narrow view of literature? If so, how did we come to recommend 120 authors, playwrights and poets for the primary phase, and a further 150 at secondary level? Were we anti-intellectual? Then why did we place such emphasis in the programmes of study for spoken English on listening to what other people were saying and constructing reasoned arguments based on evidence?

Why did we insist that secondary pupils "analyse and engage with the ideas, themes and language in the fiction, drama and poetry that they read", that they should learn to "articulate informed personal opinions about their reading", and develop "the ability to respond, both imaginatively and intellectually, to what they read"? To describe the carefully constructed programmes contained in this document as anti-intellectual, as Professor Cox and Joan Clanchy have, is, whatever their motives, extraordinarily inaccurate.

If the campaign against the review had remained on this level it would at least have been consistent. However, Professor Cox, who confesses in his autobiography, *The Great Betrayal*, that he "knows the temptations of the demagogue", has not hesitated to say different things in different places to please different audiences. Thus in a speech to the left-wing London Association for the Teaching of English, on November 28, during which he discussed ways of manipulating the media — "We must not use the word "basics"... We must watch out for adverse publicity — remember, we are dealing with *Daily Mail* and *Sun* readers" — he said that there was "no standard English", and that the very concept was "a danger to working class children who don't speak standard English". "Standard English" was "Southern, middle-class standard language".

> Teachers, parents and governors can judge the document for themselves

Almost simultaneously, he was writing, in two letters to Jennifer Chew, from which I have her permission to quote, that his Working Group "*did* emphasise that all children must speak and write standard English, but I have seen programmes of study for the National Curriculum which ignore this". He added in one letter that "standards are often appalling", another comment which sits uneasily with some of his recent public statements.

Professor Cox has already revised a major strand in his curriculum as a member of the Council for the Accreditation of teacher education, which has recommended a complete overhaul of the training of teachers to teach reading. The strength of his proposals on reading, which was their emphasis on the pupil's individual response to literature, has been retained in the Review — but the NCC has also insisted that provision be made for all children to learn to read and write, by including at the beginning of key stage 2 (the junior school) the requirement that children still working towards the first two levels should receive a carefully constructed programme of teaching designed to ensure "coverage" — I would have preferred "mastery" — of the basic skills. Professor Cox was content to refer back these children to his programme for infants.

The research evidence on the teaching of grammar and of standard English is much less comprehensive than that on reading. The Review recommends that grammar be taught as part of writing, rather than through exercises, and its approach to standard English is to provide a sensitive introduction to it rather than to impose it.

Professor Cox said last week that children who did not speak standard English at home should not be introduced to it "before the ages of nine or ten", and that they should be guided towards its use at level six, which they will reach, if they ever do, in the middle years of the secondary school. This is too little and too late. Lord Scarman's emphasis on the need for effective teaching of English in his report on the Brixton riots is much more pertinent to the present position than are the views of right or left-wing pressure groups.

Fine tuning will be needed during the consultation period, but the principle of making the full range of the English language accessible to all children throughout the school system is essential to our national survival and not negotiable.

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A foundation stone, laid in hope

Today I stepped down, reluctantly, as chairman of the National Curriculum Council. I leave unfinished business, as the baton passes to Sir Ron Dearing to set up the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Let me outline the challenge ahead.

The 1988 Reform Act is our best chance to ensure that our children receive the education they need. The act introduced a national curriculum for the first time in this country to raise standards and prepare our children for the future. When I became chairman of NCC two years ago, the reforms were in trouble. The curriculum was overloaded and too complicated. English lacked rigour. Technology was largely unintelligible. Spirituality, morality and religious education were marginalised. The testing proposals for seven-year-olds were unworkable.

How had we reached this situation? There was certainly a need to proceed as quickly as possible to implement the 1988 act and I make no apologies for the pace of change. But ministers were not helped by the independence given to the individual subject working groups, by the proposals for assessment based on ten levels and by having two separate councils for curriculum and assessment.

The NCC has begun in the last two years to tackle the curriculum imperatives. English and technology are being rewritten. Art, music and the cultural dimension have been strengthened. We have proposed radical reductions in the primary curriculum and a need for more specialist teachers and grouping of children by ability. The profile of religious education has been raised. In approaching all these issues, we have listened and consulted widely with teachers.



What remains to be done? English is of vital importance. Concerns about standards of literacy have not diminished in the past four years. Our proposals define explicitly and rigorously the essential knowledge and skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Does anyone really dispute the need to raise the standards of spoken English? Or the need to improve reading standards and to introduce children to great literature? Or that children should be able to express meaning using the richness of correct vocabulary, grammar, spelling and punctuation?

Breadth and balance in the curriculum must be maintained but the overall statutory demands need to be reduced to about 70 per cent of teaching time. Spiritual and moral development, together with religious education, remains a priority. Children should know the difference between right and wrong and understand and accept the moral absolutes which support our society. The teacher's role as moral agent is critical.

> The new authority must not abdicate policy advice to the education department

There is much unfinished business in the 14-19 curriculum. Courses should match the needs of all pupils but we need to be wary of unified frameworks which undermine the integrity of academic courses based on A and AS levels. I worry that an over-emphasis on skills and national targets deflects attention from whether we have the right courses to prepare young people for the jobs of tomorrow.

But what about testing? I strongly support testing at 7, 11, 14 and 16 to help teachers, to inform parents and to give us all confidence that standards are being raised. I condemn any proposals to boycott tests as unprofessional and would urge teachers to go through with the tests this summer.

What is happening at the moment is that the testing is becoming divorced from the curriculum. This is partly because the tests themselves are too complicated and partly because the curriculum does not define achievement satisfactorily. The result is that teachers are teaching to the tests, with inevitable curriculum distortion.

The new authority needs to re-establish the primacy of the curriculum. The authority should keep breadth and balance but reduce content radically and abandon the ten-level scale. Tests can then be devised which tell us what we really need to know about achievement. The emphasis on external tests at the expense of teacher assessment should be reduced without losing objectivity and reliability. The authority should review whether it is necessary to test every child in every subject in the same way at every stage.

So will this all happen? The new authority has a formidable agenda. I wish Sir Ron well in his task but I had argued that the new authority needed a full-time executive chairman and that it should be built upon the successes of NCC. The appointment of a powerful authority and a strong chief executive will now be particularly important to keep up the momentum.

Government quangos can easily lose their way and my experience at NCC is illuminating. Two years ago the council had become preoccupied with implementation. It was producing ever more glossy brochures at great expense to gather dust on staffroom shelves. It was sidelined in policy debates. The same was equally true of SEAC, the assessment council.

The new authority must have the drive, capacity and self-confidence to address these fundamental issues. It must not concede to pressure from vocal minorities and vested interests. It must not abdicate policy advice to the education department and must have close and direct relationships with ministers.

The authority must win hearts and minds. I hope it is accepted. We owe our children nothing less.

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764.40	Dixons Grp	194½	-14½	6.0	3.9	22.0
634.20	Dunelm	373	+17½	2.6	1.2	9.9
8.02	ERA Gp	14	- 1	...	...	...
4.80	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	=
11.60	Essex Farm	104 †	+ 5	...	3.3	17.6
135.20	Etam	207	...	6.6	4.0	18.5
439.60	Fine Art Dev	553	- 1	11.0	2.5	21.7
2.17	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
15.30	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
7.95	French Conn	50	- 1	...	...	...
5.40	Gabbitas ▲	46	+ 2	...	2.0	9.2
17.70	Gent SR	49 †	...	...	3.0	5.1
7.89	Goldsmiths Gp	36	- 1	...	5.8	...
143.90	GUS	2045	...	40.0	1.9	21.1
3,525.30	do 'A'	1583	-40	40.0	3.2	12.6
4.43	Hampton Gte	108	...	...	4.6	...
111.80	Harrisons	108	-25	4.8	5.6	6.6
23.60	Helene Pl	30½	+ 2	2.0	10.9	=
1.72	Heritage ▲	39	...	...	...	...
4.47	Honeyglade ▲	15	+ 3	...	2.3	7.8
10.50	Hse of Lerose	185 †	+ 2	10.3	7.0	=
5.90	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	...	...
2,924.10	Kingfisher	586	+ 1	...	3.0	16.6
34.30	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
98.80	Liberty	395	+15	7.2	1.8	16.5
337.30	Lloyds Chem	286	- 1	9.5	3.4	17.3
761.60	MFI	131	+ 4	...	3.6	17.5
9,651.90	Marks Spencer	349	+ 5	7.1	2.5	21.2
267.40	Menzies (John)	681	+ 1	10.0	1.5	16.8
25.20	Moss Bros	151	...	5.0	4.1	28.1
599.60	Next	168	...	2.5	1.9	=
5.81	Oliver (G)	23	+ 1	...	...	...
102.00	Oulfame Intl	168	...	...	6.1	12.9
70.50	Pams	49	...	1.5	3.9	=
110.00	QS Hldgs	280	-13	5.1	2.3	=
46.80	Rainers Group	16	- 1	2.4	18.8	...
15.10	Rhino Gpe	29½	...	...	...	=
163.00	Sherwood Gp	197	+ 3	2.6	2.1	=
1,528.60	Sears	101½	- ½	...	4.3	27.8
1,137.00	Smith Wh 'A'	418	- 5	13.4	4.0	14.7
1.40	Specialeyes ▲	9	...	...	...	...
805.80	Storehouse	197	+ 2	9.0	3.2	=
102.20	T J & Stores	160	+ 5	3.9	4.7	=
67.80	Tie Rack	132	+10	1.0	1.0	=
105.70	Time Products	201	+ 7	7.5	4.7	19.6
6.42	Usher (Frankie)	92	- 3	...	6.8	7.3
67.80	Wace	36 †	...	3.5	11.1	42.6
2.92	Wensums ▲	39	...	...	...	6.9
91.30	Wickes	96	...	...	1.8	12.7
4.49	Wid of Leathers	55	- 5	...	...	=
58.40	Wyevale	191	+ 6	...	2.6	=
4.34	Xtra-vision ▲	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

222.80	ACT Group	158	- 3	4.5	3.6	15.6
34.40	Acal ▲	238	...	...	3.1	19.0
67.10	Acorn Comps ▲	201	- 2	...	...	51.2
47.80	Admiral	443 †	+ 3	9.4	1.5	18.7
60.20	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
9.99	Alphameric	37	- 2	...	...	...
194.70	Amstrad	33½	- ½	0.4	...	...
20.60	App Holo ▲	100	- 1	...	...	...
4.91	Arlen	13	...	...	...	...
161.60	Astec	52½	+ 1½	...	...	=
26.10	Beales Hunter	206	...	9.2	4.3	14.0
5.30	Bennett & Found	8	...	...	...	...
1,498.90	BICC	358	+15	19.2	7.0	23.4
119.60	Blick	480 †	+10	9.2	2.4	18.7
389.20	Borlands ▲	1300	-50	...	...	...
486.80	Brownpore	300 †	+ 3	6.3	2.6	=
25,416.20	BT	411	-17	14.4	4.4	15.3
2.02	Bulgin (A$) 'A'	75	...	0.1	1.6	...
47.70	Burnsfield	136	...	5.7	5.2	22.0
7,909.60	Cable Wireless	728	- 1	13.2	2.3	23.5
29.20	Chloride	122	- ½	...	...	...
43.90	CML Microp ▲	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
13.20	Comptr People	95	...	0.6	0.9	...
369.50	Cray Elect	133	+ 1	...	0.6	10.9
3.00	Crestley	112	+ 2	...	2.4	22.1
689.80	Delta	467 †	+ 5	14.0	3.0	=
12.40	Desmond Ele	285	- 8	...	2.7	12.1
128.30	Domino	501	-22	7.2	1.8	17.1
79.60	Dowding Mills	55	+ 1	2.5	5.9	17.9
0.70	Druck ▲	995	...	...	1.2	24.2
807.50	Electrocomponts	386	- 8	7.0	2.3	20.9
48.30	El Data Prc	338	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
17.80	Electron House	69	...	2.1	4.3	21.0
21.20	Emess	20 †	+ ½	0.1	0.6	=
252.40	Farnell'n	575	+17	8.0	1.7	26.2
530.00	FKI	120	+ 2	2.3	2.4	23.2
301.20	Farnell Elect	378	- 4	5.8	1.9	20.5
3.13	Feedback ▲	37	...	...	...	...
139.70	Fernanti	14½	...	...	...	...
22.10	First Tech	149	+ 3	...	...	...
12.90	Forward Gps	177	- 6	...	1.8	21.3
5.78	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
8,716.60	GEC	320	- 2½	9.6	3.8	16.9
108.50	Gresely	172 †	+ 7	10.9	7.0	=
1.46	Hilditch ▲	38	...	...	1.8	12.7
435.30	Hoskyns Gp	465	...	2.4	0.6	59.5
4.50	INSTEM ▲	100	- 2	...	3.9	=
68.80	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	14.5
2.57	Kembrey	9	...	0.3	5.2	3.4
112.30	Kenwood App	306	- 1	...	...	16.2

Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began today. Dealings end May 7. §Contango day May 10. Settlement day May 17. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
30.20	Rowtll Syne	169	+31	...	...	8.5
16.30	Rodn	175 †	+ 3	5.5	3.9	20.8
4.83	Laser-Scan ▲	30	- 1	...	...	...
49.30	LRMS ▲	275	+ 8	...	...	...
16.30	Lec Refrig	220	+ 2	0.0	4.2	...
227.10	Life Sciences	142	+ 3	3.5	3.1	15.4
130.40	Logica	213 †	+ 4	3.6	2.2	25.0
3.26	LPA Ind ▲	43	...	...	9.8	12.7
101.50	MK Data Mngmnt	186	- 1	4.3	2.6	17.8
151.40	Macro 4	673	+ 4	...	2.4	22.6
98.30	Mainfer-Sw ▲	607	+32	...	1.9	19.9
313.40	Micro Focus	2255	+160	...	...	21.8
76.80	Microgen	195	- 3	7.2	4.6	13.3
17.00	Microplace ▲	26	- 2	...	...	...
187.70	Misys	485	- 8	6.1	1.6	22.1
115.40	Mitel	146	+15	...	...	...
11.90	MMT Comps ▲	112	...	...	3.9	14.2
3.88	Molyrx	19	...	...	8.8	1.8
57.80	NTL Inst ▲	215	...	...	5.2	16.2
20.30	Nicholson Elect	135	- ½	3.0	2.8	16.6
10.20	Murray Enter	147	+ 2	1.8	1.6	68.3
11,933.90	NYNEX	5787½	-125	...	...	...
41.60	Neotronics	162	- 3	2.6	2.0	20.9
1.78	Newmark (L)	60	...	...	...	...
6.57	Norbrit ▲	94	- 5	...	1.3	14.1
6.93	Northamber	30	+ 2	0.5	1.6	...
15.90	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
116.40	Oxford Inst	341	+ 2	4.3	2.2	16.2
12.90	P-E Intern't	39	+ 1	1.0	2.1	...
38.30	P & P	69	+ 3½	1.4	2.5	36.6
82.70	Peck	72	+ 1	3.4	6.1	16.2
11.50	Peppers ▲	180	- 2	...	4.5	45.7
11.60	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1,873.30	do Ltmp Inv	937½	+25	...	...	=
20.70	Pitto	447	+10	7.7	2.2	37.9
14.80	do 'A' Voting	427	+12	7.7	2.3	36.2
3.53	Plasmec ▲	76	- 2	...	9.4	=
21.90	Pressac	86 †	- 2	2.4	3.5	17.4
24.90	Psion	113	...	...	2.8	=
1.17	Ptarmigan	8	...	...	...	...
592.10	Racal Elect	212	+ 7	1.5	0.9	25.1
9.21	Radamec	50	+ 5	1.0	3.8	=
15.00	Radius ▲	55	- 1	...	6.1	19.0
4.35	Real Time ▲	65	- 4	...	9.8	5.9
5.48	Rhos ▲	20	- 1	...	...	...
118.60	Sage Gp	569	+ 2	9.0	2.0	18.2
24.60	Scantronic	65	+ 2	2.9	5.7	20.5
44.70	Shokus Grp	118 †	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
293.00	Sema Gp	1½	...	3.4	1.2	20.2
11.40	Silverminex	35	...	...	8.5	...
4.40	Soundtracks ▲	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
3,806.60	TDK	2362½	-45½	...	1.2	23.6
0.81	TDS Circuits ▲	9	+ ½	...	...	...
122.80	Telemetrix	138 †	+ 8	0.6	0.5	68.1
3,570.60	THORN EMI	873	+17	30.1	4.3	22.5
13.70	Thorpe FW	106 †	- 2	2.5	2.9	10.9
8.52	Total Systems ▲	85	...	2.3	3.3	15.2
65.60	Tunstall	410	- 5	6.0	1.8	18.4
156.40	Unitech	229	+11	5.8	3.2	40.1
9.07	Verity ▲	9	+ 1½	...	...	...
39.40	Vistech ▲	50	+ 2½	...	1.3	25.6
3,811.70	Vodafone	378	- 9	1.0	0.2	18.6
108.50	Volex	411	- 4	...	5.2	20.9
3.16	Western Selectn	21	+ 1	...	...	...
32.70	Wholesale Fngr	230	+ 5	11.7	6.4	21.9

ELECTRICITY

983.70	East Midlands	451	-30	17.1	4.7	8.7
1,258.20	Eastern Elect	466	-26	16.7	4.5	11.5
1,283.00	Hydro--Elect	335	-17	10.1	3.8	11.8
1,025.10	London Elect	470	-28	16.8	4.5	11.2
623.70	Manweb	525	-19	18.2	4.3	7.6
1,001.40	Midlands Elec	478 †	-27	17.2	4.5	10.0
631.50	Northern Elec	513	-27	18.5	4.5	7.6
977.30	Norweb	508	-26	17.7	4.4	9.8
2,571.30	Scottish Power	315½	-13½	10.1	4.0	11.7
626.60	Seebourd	492	-31	17.2	4.4	8.9
539.50	Sth Wales	531	-35	19.4	4.6	8.4
613.00	Sth Western	498	-31	17.4	4.4	9.0
1,247.40	Southern Elec	462	-30	18.6	4.5	9.1
1,091.70	Yorkshire Elec	517	-32	17.3	4.3	9.6
4,357.50	National Power	341½	- 3½	9.1	3.3	11.3
2,720.90	PowerGen	347½	- 1½	...	3.8	10.8

FINANCE, LAND

32.70	Aitken Hume	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
12.80	BWDA	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
31.60	Battle Plc	99	+12	1.0	1.4	=
358.60	Caledonia	432	+ 3	14.4	4.2	16.6
38.00	Cametrix	1425	...	27.0	2.4	12.0
55.80	Cardowen	230 †	+ 1	10.2	5.1	17.7
29.80	Flextech ▲	87	- 1	...	...	8.6
231.60	Gowrt	283	+16	...	5.8	8.1
41.80	Hoey Sime	144	+ 3	...	5.5	15.1
2.44	Ltt	4½	+ 1	...	...	...
6.60	Lightship	12 ‡	...	...	...	0.6
192.00	Lon Forfaitngs ▲	192	+ 9	8.4	5.8	13.0
11.20	Manakin	58	...	...	...	...
10.10	Nat Home Loan ▲	9½	...	...	...	...
16.00	Newmarket ▲	45	...	...	...	...
53.40	Rathbone Bro	271 †	...	6.0	2.8	=
51.00	Rutland Tst	20 †	- ½	0.8	5.0	=
12.10	S & U	300	+ 1	...	3.4	10.8
121.20	Singer & Friet	63	...	2.6	5.3	=
167.80	Sochedyn	638	-25	...	4.9	...
266.00	SJP Capital	98	+ 6	3.0	3.8	17.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

8,933.00	Amer Express	1845½	-25	...	...	...
372.00	Electra	215	+ 2	6.7	3.9	20.2
197.50	Henderson Ad	502	+ 3	41.0	5.6	20.3
283.20	Invesco MIM	113	+ 7	3.0	3.4	=
1,795.00	Jardine Strat	190	+ 7	...	1.2	8.6
598.70	MAI	185 †	+ 4	6.0	4.1	13.4
155.70	MAM	105	+10	11.5	5.2	18.2
597.30	M & G	789	+15	20.0	3.2	21.0
67.90	Smith New Ct	224	+14	4.5	2.5	8.9
20.60	Sterling Tst ▲	67 #	...	...	...	8.5
37.30	Trio Hld					

America's newest banking giant suffers growing pains

BankAmerica swallowed Security Pacific a year ago. Its vice-chairman and heir apparent talks to Evelyn Brodie about problems and strategies



Mailed fist: Lew Coleman says only people interest him, yet his drive to cut staff is causing uproar

On April 22, 1992, BankAmerica Corporation acquired Security Pacific in the largest merger in American banking history. The merger created the second largest bank in the US, operating across ten states, with offices in 37 countries and assets of more than $180 billion. Such a position was unimaginable a decade ago, when BankAmerica was on the verge of collapse as a result of its lending to developing countries unable to pay it back.

At first sight Lew Coleman, 51, seems an unlikely heir apparent to Dick Rosenberg, the chairman of this mammoth organisation. He is a quiet and mild-mannered man, who speaks slowly. A local boy made good, he has lived outside California for only one year of college. His office is spectacular, on the 40th floor of the tallest building in San Francisco, with panoramic views over San Francisco's Bay and business districts.

"I started to work for a bank because I didn't know what else to do," he says. "It seemed like a good place to look around and see what was really important. Thirty years later, only people really interest me. What's stimulating is the variety of people and the variety of businesses that you come across."

Despite this apparent affability, Mr Coleman has a tough reputation. In 1973, he was appointed head of Wells Fargo's international division, charged with the job of dismantling it. In 1986, he and Mr Rosenberg arrived at BankAmerica. Again, Mr Coleman took on the task of shaking up the international division. The bank was in deep financial trouble, threatened with takeover by First Interstate, its rival in southern California. He became a vice chairman in 1990, in charge of the company's worldwide banking activities, as well as its trust and financial management businesses. In January, he was appointed chief financial officer, replacing Frank Newman, who joined the Clinton administration at the Treasury.

As a result of the merger with Security Pacific, BankAmerica is in the process of closing about a third of its branches in California, and there is much local ill feeling about the way staff changes are being made. Branch staff in California are being reduced by about 3,600, and the proportion of full-time workers is being cut by 8 per cent, to only 19 per cent.

George Davis, secretary-treasurer of the local Office and Professional Employees Union, says: "Never have I seen the public outrage against a corporate entity that we have seen against the bank. The general public are asking us whether they should withdraw their money. At the moment we're saying no, but we are asking them to write voicing their concern."

Mr Coleman claims, however, to be pleased with the way the merger has gone so far. "We have lost fewer customers than we thought we were going to lose by this stage . . . Conversely, the number of new customers coming into the bank is lower than we had expected, so maybe our competitors' advertising is capturing customers who are changing anyway."

Buthe adds: "We probably wound up leaving a sense of uncertainty among the staff which was greater than we should have. There are clearly anxiety levels out there which are higher than we would want."

Apart from digesting Security Pacific, BankAmerica's strategic focus is on circumventing impediments to banking in the United States. These include the Glass-Steagall Act, which prevents commercial banks from selling "investment" products, and the McFadden Act, which prevents banks from opening branches in more than one state. They are permitted to buy banks or thrifts in other states, as long as each entity maintains separate administrative and data-processing staff, and a separate board of directors.

Since the merger, BankAmerica has applied for permission to open savings and loan branches in 12 states across the nation, and it is selling bonds, equities, and retirement funds to customers through independent brokers at its branches.

Mr Coleman sees expansion as essential to the bank's continued success. "US banks are losing their market share of household financial transactions as fast as the banking system is consolidating," he says. "The fact is that on the consumer side the banking system needs more products to sell."

He admits: "The banking system has enough latitude under the law to sell most products today, albeit inconveniently. A lot of the gripes have to do with the fact that we are not playing on a level playing field."

Since banks have lobbied Congress for years to change the system, with little success, Mr Coleman thinks they should stop complaining and get on with their business. "We would like to see banking reform but . . . every time we ask for it, we seem to get a series of laws that are worse than where we started from."

So far, the bank's strategy seems to be paying off. "By hiring salesmen out of a brokerage house we are currently selling securities, annuities and mutual funds at an annual rate of about $45 billion to our retail customers in California — and that's mostly on a fee-paying basis."

Despite trying to expand its product range in the domestic market, BankAmerica seems happy to accept a low profile in international markets, having learned from the "big bang" mistakes of others that a global presence does not necessarily involve full underwriting capabilities in all markets.

"London was not an expensive failure for BankAmerica because we were in such dire straits at the time that we couldn't participate in Big Bang. We spent no money on it because we couldn't afford to. Security Pacific certainly did. But the fact of the matter is that, by the grace of God and our own prior mistakes, that was one of the few accidents of the world we have missed.

"Over the last 20 years, no one has made any money from international banking, so we've seen a reduction in capacity. I think that now the markets are fairly well balanced and profitable. But a lot of our lead products are very mundane, very simple foreign exchange products. We wind up being more comfortable doing the higher volume, low-risk commodity type products, where we can bring the added value of our US base to our global network."

To manage this empire is a challenge for BankAmerica in the months ahead. Mr Coleman admits to working about 70 hours a week, not counting lots of weekend travel. How does he see the future?

"The issue is balance — how to flex your global muscle while maintaining as much local touch with the customers as you can. You want to take advantage of economies of scale where they exist, but you want to leave the sense, particularly at the customer level, that the local people are in control of local markets, and can serve local needs. It requires a certain amount of management practice and also a certain amount of management patience."

TEMPUS

Auction on a gilt edge

LAST Friday's inflation figures appear to have forced the Bank of England into shortening the date on next week's gilt auction. The Bank is keen to fund as long as the market will allow, and would have preferred the next auction to be a medium dated issue. But the 0.2-point rise in underlying inflation to 3.5 per cent gave it little option but to tap the least volatile end of the market.

The auction's maturity, of between three and six years could at least tempt the banks to bid. The inflationary risks associated with longer-dated issues make them unattractive on current yields. Certainly, the high street banks would appreciate a guaranteed return on risk-free assets given the damage wreaked by bad debt provisions, particularly since gilts put no strain on their capital adequacy ratios. But many bankers still believe the yield curve is too shallow to reward them for the risks. The difference between the yield on short- and long-dated issues is still only 170 basis points, despite Friday's fall in long-dated issues in response to the RPI figures.

Although interest from the banks is likely to be modest, especially since the market expects a large auction of at least £3.5 billion, any backing at all will be a needed boost to M4, which is teetering at the bottom of the Treasury's 3 to 9 per cent indicative range. The one thing that could persuade banks to back the market in volume would be a steeper yield curve. But this would require more bad news on inflation, which is the last thing the Treasury and the Bank of England want in their marathon effort to fund the deficit, an effort that is not getting easier.

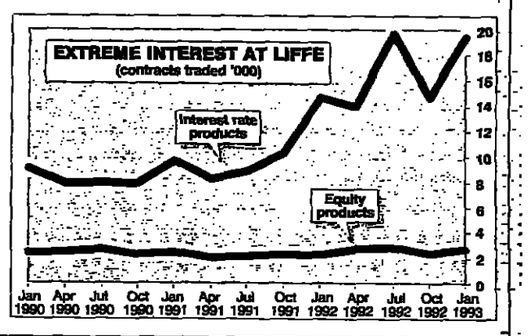
Traded options

PLANS by Liffe to launch another eight equity options next month, while withdrawing four low-performing ones, is a sign of the exchange's determination to stir some activity into this directionless market. While demand for Liffe's interest rate products continues to boom, the equity derivatives it inherited in last year's merger with LTOM are still shunned by most investors, who regard them as high-risk gambles in an illiquid market.

Coupled with the offer of the new options in popular stocks such as National Westminster, Williams and Argyll, Liffe is launching a marketing plan to ease investors' fears about options.

In theory, there is scope for the market to expand substantially. Private investors account for 70 per cent of traded option volume in most countries. In Britain, the figure is only a fifth. Many pension funds are barred from using options, mainly owing to the deeply conservative attitudes of their trustees. It will take a lot to alter these beliefs.

Equity options do not become popular because of the performance of the underlying stock, but because of its volatility. As a result, the market favours marginal speculative stocks more than blue chips. Last month's most popular option was Amstrad. Unless there is a sea change in opinion, equity options will remain an inconvenient sideline for a world class futures market.



Marks and Spencer

MARKS and Spencer has certainly understood the fable of the hare and the tortoise. Having come to grief trying to blaze the acquisition trail, the group has now realised that organic growth is more often the path to success.

Things may be starting to turn round at Brooks Brothers but they are still not completely right. Although M&S may yet justify the purchase from a strategic point of view, it may never justify the £420 million price.

To the company's credit, it has not been frightened off expansion for good, it has simply discovered a different — and better — way of doing it. Developing franchise as well as wholly-owned stores allows the group to test the water before it makes a large investment of cash and management resources. Its Hong Kong store started out as a franchise operation, but after proving its mettle, is now managed by M&S itself. Similarly, the Spanish stores are now part of a joint venture partnership with Cortefiel, which has led to further openings. M&S has always been better at chess than poker and this strategy suits its management style.

Any expansion that reduces the group's exposure to the domestic market is welcome. It has weathered the recession well, but has needed to sacrifice margin to maintain sales in some areas. A more balanced portfolio would allow the group to play more than one tune.

Argentaria

THE Spanish government is playing safe in the £2.8 billion privatisation of Argentaria, the state-controlled banking group. Apart from the flotation being limited in size to a maximum 24.9 per cent of the shares, it is likely to be priced low enough to draw in large numbers of foreign and domestic investors.

To make doubly sure of success, the flotation is being promoted by a full-scale roadshow, which reaches London this morning. At least 3.5 million shares have been earmarked for UK institutions.

The exact price will be fixed later this week but the price range has been indicated as between 3,500 and 3,950 pesetas (£19.66 — £22.19). Even at the top of this range, the banking group is being floated on less than eight times expected earnings for the current year, up to three points lower than its quoted competitors. By contrast, quoted shares in Banco Exterior, Argentaria's 69 per cent-owned subsidiary, trade on a p/e ratio of more than 11.

All this should ensure good demand and a reasonable premium. Longer term, Argentaria has challenges to face. It must transform its portfolio of public sector financial institutions, including Exterior, a corporate bank, Caja Postal, the post office savings bank, and Banco Hipotecario, the mortgage bank, into a more cohesive unit and improve the quality and profitability of its 9,717 billion peseta asset book.

There is plenty of scope for profit improvement from cross-selling and economies of scale, but Argentaria was merged less than two years ago and, like other Spanish bank mergers, may suffer growing pains. While the float will be good value, investors should not expect an easy ride in future.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Crossed wires at Bell Lawrie

WORKING at cross-purposes may be a tradition of management and labour relations, but rarely do the protagonists end up with so many crossed wires. The two sides of the divide at Bell Lawrie White, the Edinburgh stockbroking arm of TSB sold last week to Brewin Dolphin, have different stories to tell. Wags at Edinburgh's Harry's Bar insist that the newly-wedded firm plans to close Bell Lawrie's back office, with the loss of 30 jobs in Edinburgh. Several sources insist the back office staff were told last Thursday that few would have jobs within three months. But Derek McIntosh, former chief executive of Bell Lawrie and now deputy chairman of the merged firm, denies the reports. However, he admits that the merged firm "can never say no redundancies". He adds: "I'm not saying that at some stage in the next six months there will not be some form of rationalisation." Meanwhile, Bell Lawrie's employees, are said to be so upset with the £7 million merger shenanigans that many are looking for other jobs. Two key executives have walked out, leaving the London office empty. Jonathan Carr, managing director, handed in his resignation two days before the deal was signed. Now working out his notice, he will go to Warburg where he will run an investment trust. Paul Jewel, a star salesman nicknamed "jewel in the crown", walked out days before. McIntosh, who initially refused to comment, now admits the two executives have quit.



"Excuse me — last in the marathon, or first in the next rail strike?"

Life after Taurus

PRESSURE for change at the London Stock Exchange has been building since the cancellation of Taurus, the paperless trading settlement system that cost the Exchange £75 million. Now many dealers, who believe services should be contracted out to cut costs, are wondering why the Exchange did not sell its Topic share-information service years ago when Reuters was prepared to pay £50 million. Reuters is making gains in market share at the expense of Topic, with its new Equity Focus service. Warburg Securities and Charles Stanley, the London private client firm, are its latest recruits. James Capel and NatWest Securities are soon to follow. Equity Focus puts revenue the Exchange might earn from contracting out Topic in jeopardy, and yet there is growing pressure, particularly among small firms, for a cheaper alternative to Reuters. This Friday, the Exchange, on the recommendation of Arthur Anderson, the accountant, is expected to sell Topic or contract it out to Telekurs, of Switzerland, which operates the TAQ share information service via satellite.

Investing USA

WALL STREET tip sheets appear to be attracting a British following now that large share dealers such as Fidelity are making it so much easier to take a gamble on American stocks. Annual revenues in the US financial newsletter industry have surged to $100 million, with 814 titles now promising to help readers make as much as a 600 per cent return on "proven investment strategy". Punters wary of such too good to be true promises now have a way of finding the respectable tip sheets. Mark Hulbert, the man many newsletter publications love to hate, provides current and historical total returns as well as risk ratings on more than 100 of the most widely-read and influential newsletters. This guru of gurus, who publishes the *Hulbert Financial Digest* from Alexandria, Virginia, says the highest scorer over a 12½-year period ending December 31 was *The Chartist*, a California sheet run by Dan Sullivan which turned in total returns of 807.6 per cent and hit 513.3 per cent in its ten-year rankings.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTER

In praise of gut feelings

From Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark

Sir, I had the honour as a Member of Parliament of sitting on the Treasury Select Committee from 1979 to 1992 so I was in receipt of around "1 ton" of economic forecasts each year, they were all unsatisfactory and often helped confuse the committee and governments as to what economic action to take.

I was therefore delighted and somewhat surprised that one of the leading economists, Professor Tim Congdon, has broken ranks with other learned forecasters to admit that current economic forecasting models are unsatisfactory.

The problems that never seem to be taken into account in all the economic models is the fact that companies invest and people purchase goods, especially houses, based on confidence or more often lack of confidence. What is so often forgotten is that company investments and expansion are based on their experience and the cynical but accurate view that all governments in the main create chaos and stands in the way of sensible business decisions.

If someone could devise an economic model that took these things into account and above all anyone who could invent a formula for "Gut feeling" would deserve the undying gratitude of the world and the Nobel Prize in Economics.

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GILT-EDGED

UK may buck inflation trend

How long will it be before the economy overheats? The UK is inflation-prone — recent history shows this. The way journalists and the public crave for higher house prices reflects this and the way the government mishandled its membership of the exchange rate mechanism was symptomatic of this.

The key issue for gilts is whether this dismal experience will continue. The market thinks it will, judging from the large yield differential between conventional and index-linked gilt-edged stocks and the reaction to the past week's evidence of recovery. Most analysts predict a steeper yield curve by year-end.

If this is so, then the UK will be bucking an international trend. Elsewhere, the inflation outlook is encouraging. In March, annual inflation was 4.3 per cent in Germany, 2.2 in France, 1.2 in Japan and 3.1 in America. In those countries, inflation will fall this year and may remain low for some time. Even in Germany, recession will reduce headline inflation to 2.9 per cent and unit labour cost inflation to about zero by December.

The international environment is disinflationary. Oil and non-oil commodity prices remain low. World commodity prices fell 7.8 per cent in 1990 and 4.4 per cent in 1991. By last year, metal prices had stopped falling and world commodity prices rose 0.8 per cent. Even with recovery in America, our forecast points to only a 2 per cent rise in commodity prices this year and 2.9 per cent next. In sterling terms the rise in commodity prices over the last year has been unpleasant, but it will not get worse.

Why should Britain be the odd one out? After the suppression of inflation during the recession, and devaluation, inflationary risks are on the increase. This, and the unpleasantness of previous British inflation shocks, points to the need for caution.

Since sterling's ERM exit, the inflation picture has been mixed: rises in wages, earnings and retail prices have been low while input prices have risen sharply. Three inflation risks stand out: a wage explosion; retailers and producers taking advantage of recovery to rebuild margins; or another sterling fall.

The government's cash controls point to a draconian incomes policy for the public sector. While this could force industrial action, the wage risk lies in the private sector. The recent wage picture has been good but, even at the bottom of the recession, earnings growth still exceeded headline inflation.

Wage expectations are likely to be held in check over the next year by rising unemployment and low retail-price inflation. Settlements are still heavily influenced by headline inflation. In recent years, service-price inflation has been higher than other components within the index. But strong productivity gains in service industries and the fact that utilities' prices are based on past inflation should keep service inflation and retail prices growth low over the next year. However, it would be remarkable if wage inflation remained low for long. Britain did not stay in the ERM long enough to claim any benefit in terms of lower inflation expectations.

The danger then is that once recovery gathers pace, wage expectations will rise. Skill shortages, boardroom pay rises and even future VAT increases will add to wage pressure. Rising corporate profits should allow companies to grant higher wage settlements, even in excess of those justified by strong productivity gains. It would be premature to expect an early rise in margins. Excess capacity should allow a sufficient safety valve before inflationary bottlenecks reappear. Also, margins in the non-oil sector of the economy have held up better in this recession than in the early eighties. Higher costs can thus be contained in the battle for market share.

Sterling's current strength could be sustained for some months, easing immediate inflation risks. But sterling remains a "soft currency" and could be vulnerable to the release of complete trade data from this summer. All this suggests inflation will be stable over the next year but then will become a problem. The gilt market needs to remain cautious of this inflation risk.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

EMPOLDER

(c) To make a polder of, to reclaim from the sea, from *em-* + *polder* Dutch for land reclaimed from sea: "By 1940 flood-fallowing experiments had been begun. An area of 100 acres was empoldered (i.e. surrounded by earth walls)."

PIKER

(b) US derogatory slang for a cautious gambler, someone who shies away from a risk, a shirker or lounger, 1889-, from *pike* noun, as in *turnpike*; H. L. Wilson, 1919: "I says to myself the other day, 'I bet a cookie he'd like to be like me!' Horner was a piker, even when he made bets with himself."

TARBAGAN

(b) A large-long-haired marmot, *Marmota bobak* or *Marmota sibirica*, from the Russian *tarbagán*, found in the steppes of eastern and central Asia, also the pelt of this animal: "The giant marmot was being hunted for its fur, known as tarbagan skins." "The germ of plague is present in tarbagans in China."

PARACONE

(b) An external cusp on the front, outer corner of a mammalian upper molar tooth, from the Greek *para* beside + *cone*: "The first two upper molars of the hedgehog are provided with two well-developed external cones, the paracone and the metacone."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The temporary sacrifice 1 Bxg6! wins, after 1 ...hxg6 2 Bxd8 and the h-pawn will run through to queen.

City doubts on timetable at Eurotunnel

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

SIR Alastair Morton is expected today to state how close Eurotunnel is to opening the Channel tunnel, and how the cross-channel operator's finances will bear up in the meantime.

A target for opening of December 15 this year has been set by Sir Alastair, Eurotunnel's deputy chairman and chief executive. But City sceptics do not believe it will open until next summer and think shareholders will be lucky to receive a dividend before the year 2002.

City supporters think the tunnel will open for freight in December, but that passengers would not be allowed to travel immediately, meaning months before the tunnel operates at full capacity.

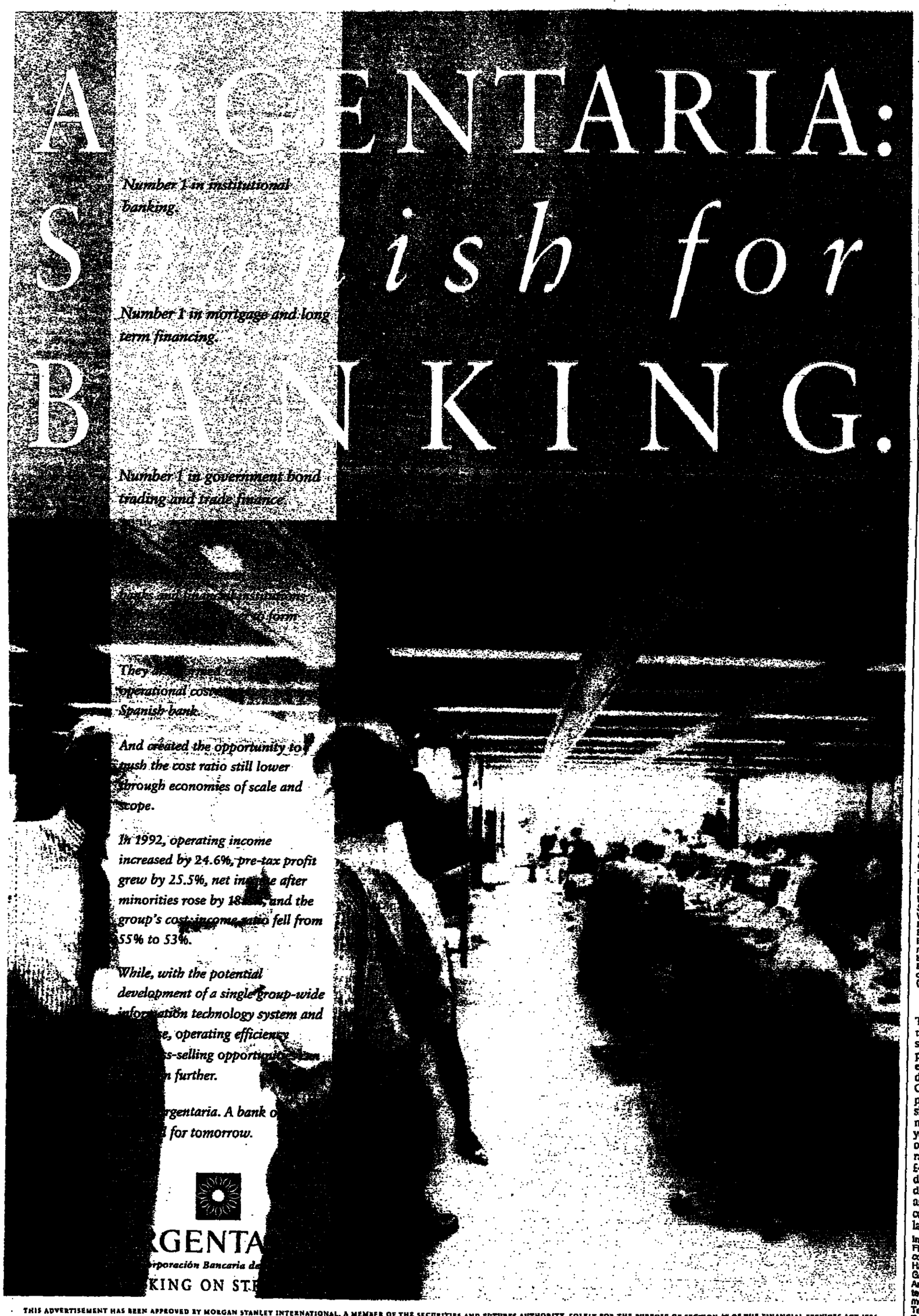
The north tunnel is said to be complete, with European bankers having already been taken through it. Electrical installations of the south tunnel are still being finished. Commissioning of the tunnels, when finished, is expected to take about six months.

Analysts will also ask Sir Alastair today to explain Eurotunnel's complex finances. On present calculations, it is estimated the peak financing requirement of the tunnel is £8.7 billion, against £8.9 billion available from shareholders and bankers. Eurotunnel is able to draw on money from its bankers until next May. But the peak requirement depends on French interest rates. If they fall sharply soon, analysts think the requirement will fall, speeding the payment of first dividends.

This would help Eurotunnel launch a cash call, likely only well after the tunnel opens. Eurotunnel still must resolve disputes with TML, the tunnel contractor, rolling stock suppliers, British Rail, and SNCF, the French railway.



Keeping on track: Sir Alastair hopes to open on December 15 despite disputes with TML, SNCF and British Rail



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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

House prices forecast to rise 3% this year

HOUSE prices should rise 3 per cent this year, say economists at *Lloyds Bank*, while at least one housebuilder is confirming the trend with a £500 price increase on its product. A report in the bank's *Economic Bulletin* says that the homes market is on a better footing, with the number of housing transaction forecast to rise to almost 1.3 million this year from 1.1 million last. Patrick Moon, economic adviser at Lloyds, says that a likely growth rate of 1 per cent for the economy would translate into a 5 per cent growth in nominal income. That would accommodate a house price increase of about 3 per cent if the ratio of prices to incomes remains stable at its current level of 2.9.

Wilson (Connolly), the Northampton builder, is raising the price of half its new homes by £500. Ian Black, managing director of Wilson, told *Building* magazine that it was the first price increase for four and a half years, adding that house sales had been running a third ahead of the previous year. Other builders, such as Bellway and Berkeley Group, report similar trends and Lloyds Bank says that a survey of estate agents showed that completed sales in February were up 11 per cent on 1991.

DAF deal made with AP

PRODUCTION of vans at the Leyland DAF plant in Birmingham is set to resume today after receivers to the British arm of the collapsed Anglo-Dutch vehicle group struck a deal with Automotive Products, which makes braking systems for the vehicles. AP halted deliveries when administrative receivers from Arthur Andersen refused to accept its claim for £758,000 for components delivered before their appointment. Renewed deliveries will enable output to build up again before a buyout of the plant by managers, which is expected to be completed later this week. Managers at the lorry plant at Leyland, Lancashire, are still hoping to finalise a buyout there next week.

Boots joins protest

BOOTS the Chemists has joined a consortium of local authorities and property companies that is appealing to the High Court against permission granted last month for a scheme by Manchester Ship Canal to build a 1 million sq ft shopping centre at Trafford, Greater Manchester. The consortium plans a meeting of big retailers this week to drum up more opposition. The fear is that the Trafford scheme would hurt trade at shopping centres in and around Manchester. The consortium wants the High Court to rule that the environment secretary, in granting permission, failed to take into account changed circumstances since the project was mooted in 1986.

Sugar should add sweet taste to interims at ABF

A SOLID set of results should be turned in today by Associated British Foods, the Sunblest bread to Silver Spoon sugar group headed by Garry Weston. Tim Potter, of Smith New Court, has pencilled in a marginal dip in first-half pre-tax profits to £175 million, compared with £175.2 million. Market forecasts range from £166 million to £175 million. A maintained interim dividend of 8.5p is predicted.

Smith expects profits at British Sugar, which is a big beneficiary of "green pound" devaluation, to advance to £86 million (£74 million), boosted by a strong sugar price and windfall gain from sterling's devaluation. But the group's first-half profits growth will be restricted because milling and baking has had a tough time in Britain. Mr Potter expects UK manufacturing profits to decline 23 per cent to about £32.5 million.

TODAY

Ibstock Johnsen, the leading independent brick manufacturing group, is expected to report a final pre-tax loss of £27 million, after £28 million of exceptional write-downs, compared with a profit of £10.6 million, according to Mark Hake, of Nikko, the Japanese securities house. A substantially reduced dividend of 1p (6p) is predicted.

Interims: Aberforth Split Level Trust, Associated British Foods, EFM Dragon Trust, Five Oaks Investment, Keystone Investment, London & St Lawrence Investment, Scottish Metropolitan Property, Waste Management (first quarter). **Finals:** Asda Property Holdings, Bisichi Mining, Greenalls Group, Ibstock Johnsen, Jupiter Euro (ten months), London & Associated Investment Trust, Quarto Group. **Economic statistics:** Finished steel consumption and stock changes (fourth quarter).

TOMORROW

The continuing tough conditions gripping the property sector will take their toll on profits at **Hammerson Property**, the property investor and developer. Selwyn Jones, of Credit Lyonnais Laing, expects final pre-tax profits to slide to £43 million from £55.5 million, after another dismal year for the group's worldwide operations. Profit forecasts range from £43 million to £43.5 million, with a halved dividend of 10p already predicted. Mr Jones expects a net asset value of 490p a share, compared with 637p a share last year.

Interims: St Ives, Shanil Group. **Finals:** Beckenham Group, Bodycote International, Boosey & Hawkes, British Fittings Group, BIS Group, Freeman Group, Gartmore American Securities (fourth quarter), Hammerson Property Investment and Development, Huntleigh Technology, Ropner, Securities Trust of Scotland. **Economic statistics:** CBI survey of distributive trades (March), public sector borrowing requirement (March).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Amber Day Holdings, Data General Corporation, Exmoor Dual Investment Trust, Fleming Income & Capital, Regina, Scottish American Investment, Smiths Industries, Thames Television. **Finals:** Bentalls, Henry Boot & Sons, Dencora, English National Investment, Fleming Income & Capital Investment, Forward Group, Havelock Europa, Helical Bar, S Jerome & Sons. **Economic statistics:** Index of production and construction for Wales (fourth quarter).

THURSDAY

Rowan Morgan, of Nikko, expects **Etam**, the fashion retailer, to turn in final pre-tax profits of £12 million clean of property, compared with £11.8 million, after a relatively difficult second half. Market forecasts range from £11.5 million to £12.5 million. News is awaited on current trading.

Interims: Albert Fisher, Deutschland Investment, Govett Strategic Investment, Tweedstein United. **Finals:** Abtrust New Euro, Austin Reed Group, Etam, Fleming Conti-


Weston: solid results

nental, Geared Income Investment, Liberty, River & Mercantile Geared, Wembley, Yorkyde. **Economic statistics:** British Chambers of Commerce quarterly economic survey, engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (February), provisional figures of vehicle production (March), labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (March — provisional); average earnings indices (February — provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes.

FRIDAY

Interims: Air London International, British Assets Trust (second quarter), Investors Capital Trust (second quarter), Jersey Electric Co, VTR. **Finals:** Berry Starquest, British Empire Securities and General Trust, Capital & Regional, Govett Oriental Investment, Joseph Holt, Jove Investment Trust, Linton Park, Lopex, RPH (third quarter), Reed Executive, H.C. Slingsby. **Economic statistics:** Building societies monthly figures (March), retail sales (March), major British banking groups' monthly statement (March), provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (March), balance of trade with countries outside the EC (March).

PHILIP PANGALOS

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (55797)
7.00 Breakfast News (32030703)
9.05 A Word in Your Ear. The first of a new communication challenge series of game shows presented by Gordon Burns (s) (1993180)
9.35 King of the Road. Ross King and Anna Walker visit the cathedral city of St David's, Dyfed (s) (6039628)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8546797) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7014451)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (88715074)
12.05 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by Abigail Rokison from the cast of *The Darling Buds of May* (s) (4265884)
12.45 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. An update on the morning's activities (s) (14824548) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37983074)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (86548)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (11192703) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (18642890)
2.20 Dallas (r). (Ceefax) (1038906) **3.10 Turnabout.** Word power game (s) (8587068)
3.40 Cartoon. *Sniffles Takes a Trip* (8948971) **3.45 Bananaman** (r) (8947242) **3.50 Chucklevision** (r) (s) (5483906) **4.10 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (6770857) **4.30 The Boy from Andromeda.** Episode two (r). (Ceefax) (7202074)
4.55 Newsround (7105277) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Dean Bernard talks about his campaign in the United States to release dolphins from amusement parks. (Ceefax) (s) (9244857)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (358664). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (258)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (838). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (2722)
7.30 The Doctor. The first in a repeat of the six-part series about the life of a GP in a Yorkshire Dales practice. (Ceefax) (722)



Comedy and music: Bruce Forsyth (8.00pm)

8.00 Bruce's Guest Night. A new series starts with guests Jim Tavare, Ruthie Henshall and Bobby Davro. (Ceefax) (s) (5242)
8.30 Waiting For God. Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole star as the aging agitators reluctantly living in a retirement home (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7277)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2513)
9.30 Panorama: Dumping Granny. Margaret Gilmore investigates reports that frail and infirm old people are being abandoned by their relatives (737838)
10.10 Film 93 With Barry Norman. Includes reviews of *Sommersby* and *Accidental Hero* (s) (304426). Northern Ireland: The Corner House
10.40 UK Dance Championships. Tonight's competition is the Amateur Latin (s) (304123). Northern Ireland: Our Roving Reporter 10.45 Film 93 11.15 Dancing; Wales: Face Off
11.20 Germany Means Business. Series on the most successful European economy (r) (424726). Wales: 11.15 Dancing 11.55 Germany Means Business 12.25am News and weather
11.50 Weather (629180). Northern Ireland: 11.55-12.25 Germany Means Business

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Educational issues — the Trouble With Science (4357180) **7.10** Animal Physiology — Sunbaskers (8811567) **7.35** An Introduction to IT — Teletel (7025797)
8.00 Breakfast News (8821971)
8.15 Westminster (8917722)
8.30 In the Making. A profile of John Randle, publisher of the Whittington Press (r) (2729797)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé newsclips from 40 years ago this week (6314451)
9.00 Film: Come Live With Me (1941, b/w) starring James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr. Romantic comedy about a refugee facing deportation from the United States who persuades a penniless author to marry her in exchange for a weekly wage. Directed by Clarence Brown (2549155)
10.25 World Snooker. Day three of the Embassy world professional championship (s) (16997161)
1.20 Fiddley Foodle Bird (r) (13890987) **1.30 Spider** (r) (s) (62875068)
1.35 Betjeman In Australia. The first of four programmes following the late Poet Laureate when he paid a visit to Australia in 1971 (r) (18567155)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60191074) **2.05 A Week To Remember** (b/w). As 8.50am (15285797) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (r) (524635). Wales: Geese Problems
2.45 World Snooker (6917548)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (8690703) **3.05 Praise Be!** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1118600)
3.40 World Snooker from the Crucible, Sheffield. Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **3.50** (85648600)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Ghoulish humour from the United States (r). (Ceefax) (464971)
6.25 DEF II begins with **Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air.** American comedy series (639703)



Football fan club: Allen and Webb (6.50pm)

6.50 Standing Room Only. A new series of the magazine for the football fan, presented by Kevin Allen and Shelley Webb (s) (716242)
7.25 Streamline. A video of Streamline, the first winners of the *Dance Energy Lift Off* competition (847600)
7.30 Soundbites. Evelyn Glennie is joined by counter-tenor Michael Chance and the Brodsky Quartet. With the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra conducted by Martyn Brabbins (s) (364)
8.00 Horizon: The New Alchemists. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (456364)
8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. W is for wax (r). (Ceefax) (s) (852567)
9.00 World Snooker (s) (7105)
9.30 The Laurence Olivier Awards 1993 hosted by Tim Rice from London's Dominion Theatre (s) (52074)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (761600)
11.15 World Snooker. Highlights of the evening's matches (s) (901906) **11.55 Weather** (626093)
12.00 Sassetti Chapel, Santa Trinita. An analysis of the decorative images of the 15th-century Florentine chapel (2197391). Ends at **12.25am**

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CHOICE



Boxing clever: Shannon Briggs (C4, 9.00pm)

Naked Sport: Welcome to the Sewer
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The Sewer is the training headquarters of one of the boxers featured in Nicholas Kent's film about the fight game in the United States. It could stand as a metaphor for the whole subject. Kent traces the build-up to two contrasting bouts. Evander Holyfield and Larry Holmes for the world heavyweight title and a more modest contest involving a young hopeful, Shannon Briggs. But the programme is less about the boxers than the promoters who wheel and deal in the background. The deadlocked Briggs is in the hands of one Michael Marley, who is busily establishing his man's reputation by getting him easy fights against poor opponents. Shades of Frank Bruno. Kent, who made the prize-winning BBC series, *Naked Hollywood*, is a stylish film-maker but rather too fond of using pictorial effects for their own sake.

T-Men
Channel 4, 2.00pm

This crisp and unpretentious thriller was made by the director Anthony Mann before he graduated to James Stewart westerns and blockbusters such as *El Cid*. The title refers to treasury agents who go undercover to smash a counterfeiting ring. The cast boasts no big names. The undercover men are played by Dennis O'Keefe, who, curiously, began his acting career under the name of Bud Flanagan, and the little-remembered Albert Ryder. The real stars are Mann, the writer John C. Higgins and the cameraman John Alton. The film claims to be based on a composite of real cases and it is shot in a quasi-documentary style. But its fascination lies in exploring the ambiguity of the two heroes, who enter the criminal class and absorb its culture yet at the same time remain detached from it.

Horizon: The New Alchemists
BBC2, 8.00pm

If the 20th century, scientifically speaking, has been the age of the electron, a key development of the 21st could be the technology of smart materials which respond to changes in their environment. Already the architect Richard Rogers is designing an "intelligent" building for Tokyo that will capture energy from the wind, turn lights off and heat on and compensate for earthquakes. Other examples in a lively and accessible film include using the flight control systems of the locust to develop a smart aircraft wing and a biological alternative to the computer which takes its inspiration from the nerve cells of rats. We even see a Japanese biologist who is so taken with the properties of the starfish and the sea cucumber that he breaks into song about them. The message is that artificial intelligence, far from being the Frankenstein's monster of some science fiction writers, can work to mankind's advantage.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Includes, at **8.15**, the first of a five-part series on missing people, looking at specific case studies (7750277)
9.25 Lucky Ladders Word game show (s) (7193987) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7927971)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion programme (4719109)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (88636513)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (s) (8295971)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (3425677) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93504635)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama. (Teletext) (537109) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (529180)
2.15 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice with advice for women living and working in London (s) (511161) **2.45 Families.** Soap set in Australia and the north of England (s) (4748838)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8618109) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8600180) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (1530616)
3.50 The Real Ghostbusters (r) (5396426) **4.15 Runaway Bay.** Episode nine of the 13-part children's adventure serial (Teletext) (s) (148364) **4.45 Go Wild!** Environmental series presented by Chris Packham and Craig Charles (s) (7129797)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2399726)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (768548)
6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (96364)
7.00 Busman's Holiday. Another round of the occupations and travel quiz. (Teletext) (7890)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (890)



Whodunit? Jerry Hall, Joanna Lumley (8.00pm)

8.00 Cluedo. A new series of the celebrity sleuth series, based on the board game and presented by Richard Madeley. With Joanna Lumley, Leslie Grantham, Jerry Hall, Nicholas Parsons, Liz Smith and John Bird (3838)
8.30 World in Action: The Terror Squad. An exposé of a plot by a secret far-right hit squad to launch a campaign of political terror in Britain (s) (2345)
9.00 Medics. Hospital drama series starring Tom Baker. (Teletext) (9155)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (61180) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (609906)
10.40 Film: Strange Voices (1987) starring Valerie Harper. A worthy TV movie about the effect on a couple of having their teenaged daughter diagnosed schizophrenic. With Nancy McKeon and Stephen Macht. Directed by Arthur Allan Seidelman (s) (12629906)
12.30am The Beat. Music and movie magazine introduced by Gary Crowley (s) (93285)
1.30 Sport AM. Includes golf action from the Rome Masters (60730)
2.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (77594)
3.30 Videofashion (43778) **4.00 Hollywood Report.** Showbusiness gossip (r) (s) (24643)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Movie news from the United States (r) (62894)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French drama serial (71914)
5.30 ITN Morning News (89533). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American domestic comedy series starring Lucille Ball (r) (12600) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules.** Animation (r) (3480797)



Morning call: actress Jodie Foster (7.00am)

7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. Among the guests is actress Jodie Foster (96971)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (55529)
9.30 Film: Holiday In Mexico (1946) starring Walter Pidgeon and Jane Powell. Minor, protracted MGM musical about the teenaged daughter of the American ambassador in Mexico who falls for a famous musician — much to her boyfrind's chagrin. With Jose Iturbi, Roddy McDowell and Xavier Cugat. Directed by George Sidney (39283190)
11.50 Vis a Vis. A short story from Germany about two lonely people on opposites sides of a street who eventually meet (9197364)
12.00 Right to Reply. Howard Jacobson defends his *Without Walls* programme *Sorry Judas* (r). (Teletext) (s) (68093)
12.30 Sesame Street. With country and western singer Randy Travis (r) (14451) **1.30 Little Rosey.** Cartoon adventures of a baby Roseanne Arnold (r) (s) (85258)
2.00 Film: T-Men (1947, b/w) See Choice (522161)
3.40 The Swimming Lesson. An aging, fading beauty secures the services of a young man to teach her to swim (2017109)
3.55 Grow Your Greens. A repeat of Friday's programme about vegetables, presented by Sophie Grigson (r). (Teletext) (9147345)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knockout general knowledge quiz. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (703)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and topical chat show from Dublin, hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (4703)
6.00 Children's Ward. Drama serial set in a general hospital. This evening, Fiona, the coma victim, opens her eyes but none of the staff notice. Starring Rebecca Sowden (r) (628)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy (r). (Teletext) (548)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (177819)
7.50 Comment. Nick Clegg asks — why are we still afraid of the European community? (722567)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (4180)
8.30 Surgical Spirit. Operating room comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as the acerbic surgeon Sheila Sabatini (r). (Teletext) (6667)
9.00 Naked Sport: Welcome to the Sewer. (Teletext) See Choice (7797)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Quirky comedy about a New York doctor practising among a community of oddballs in the wilds of Alaska. Starring Rob Morrow and Valerie Mahaffey (s) (521884)
10.55 South: Close Encounters. Satirical visions of Calcutta and the colonisation of Latin America (967277)
11.55 States of America. In the second of three discussions from the United States Christopher Hitchens looks at political correctness in the company of cultural critics Edward Said, Robert Hughes and Camilla Paglia (902155) Ends at **12.55am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As **London except: 2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (511161) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1530616) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2399726) **6.00** Home and Away (468797) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (317600) **10.40** Love Call (963451) **11.40** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (275513) **12.35-1.35** The Equalizer (2882575) **2.35** Donahue (9489575) **2.25** The Beat (2681594) **4.30** Riviera (62894) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (71914)

BORDER
As **London except: 2.15-2.45** Paint With the Flying Artist (511161) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (1530616) **5.00** Lookaround (436) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (905) **10.40** Film: American Dreamer (12610258) **12.35-1.35** The Equalizer (2882575) **2.35** Donahue (9489575) **3.25** The Beat (2681594) **4.30** Riviera (62894) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (71914)

CENTRAL
As **London except: 1.15** A Country Practice (537109) **1.45** Home and Away (529180) **2.15-2.45** The De Medici Kitchen (511161) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1530616) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2399726) **6.00** Home and Away (468797) **6.25-7.00** Central News (317600) **10.40** It's a Living (190567) **11.10** Boxing (747835). **12.10** Crime Story (6215048) **1.10** Film. Kind of Anger (897952) **2.55** 60 Minutes (9488223) **3.50** Jobfinder (8912001) **4.50** Karm Bhoom (14748117) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6042543)

GRANADA
As **London except: 1.15** A Country Practice (537109) **1.45** Home and Away (529180) **2.15-3.10** Island Son (7511819) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (1530616) **5.10-5.40** Hunt the Pie (2399726) **6.00** Home and Away (428) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (906) **10.40** The Motor Show (137109) **11.20** Miller and Mueller (829857) **12.15** The Twilight Zone (5179665) **12.35** The Equalizer (2882575) **1.35** Sport AM (4570049) **2.35** Donahue (9489575) **3.25** The Beat (2681594) **4.30** Riviera (62894) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (71914)

HTV WEST
As **London except: 1.45** Blockbusters (529180) **2.15-2.45** The De Medici Kitchen (511161) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (1530616) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (96364) **10.40** Extra Time (867836) **11.25** Rock Sport (867513) **11.40** Life Goes On (275513) **12.35-1.35** The Equalizer (2882575) **2.35** Donahue (9489575) **3.25** The Beat (2681594) **4.30** Riviera (62894) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (71914)

HTV WALES
As **HTV West except: 6.00** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Primetime **10.40** Concrete Heart **11.25** Better Late **11.40-12.35** Life Goes On

MERIDIAN
As **London except: 2.15-2.45** Fit to Win (511161) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1530616) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (426) **6.30-7.00** A Tale of Four Cities (906) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (71914)

TYNE TEES
As **London except: 1.45-2.45** Murder, She Wrote (1697513) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1530616) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (426) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (906) **10.40** First Class County (190567) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (921155) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (2104681) **12.35** Film: The Lady Cop (851759) **2.30** Entertainment UK (77594) **3.30-4.25** Wolf (8918285)

ULSTER
As **London except: 1.45** Fair City (529180) **2.15-2.45** Highdays and Holidays (511161) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (96384) **10.40** How Does Your Garden Grow? (190567) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (921155) **12.05** Party With the Rovers (3817812) **12.40** The Equalizer (5796001) **1.35** Sport AM (4570049) **2.35** Donahue (9489575) **3.25** The Beat (2681594) **4.30-5.00** Riviera

WESTCOUNTRY
As **London except: 2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (511161) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (1530616) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (96364) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (190567) **11.15** Miller and Mueller (820426) **12.10** Soap (5161846) **12.35-1.35** The Equalizer (2882575) **2.35** Donahue (9489575) **3.25** The Beat (2681594) **4.30** Riviera (62894) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (71914)

YORKSHIRE
As **London except: 1.45-2.45** Murder, She Wrote (1697513) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1530616) **5.55** Calendar (143432) **6.30-7.00** The Big Green Boat Show (906) **10.40** First Class County (190567) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (921155) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (2104681) **12.35** Film: The Lady Cop (851759) **2.30** Entertainment UK (77594) **3.30-4.25** Wolf (8918285)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (96971) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (55529) **9.30** Film: Holiday in Mexico (39283190) **11.50** Vis a Vis (9197364) **12.00** Right To Reply (68093) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (88567) **1.00** Lift Off (79258) **1.30** Blossom (18659180) **1.55** Film: Jesse James (55307155) **3.55** Grow Your Greens (1065780) **4.25** Slot 23 (3668703) **5.00** Fifteen To One (9068) **5.30** Brookside (155) **6.00** News (826155) **6.10** Hero (519451) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5432) **7.30** Sgorio (51906) **8.30** News (670890) **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (680277) **9.25** Snwcer (849242) **10.00** Cheers (69722) **10.30** Northern Exposure (958258) **11.25** Naked Sport (736529) **12.25** Memento (5157843) **12.50-1.20** Dream On (4552391)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24312906) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5848155) **9.10** Cartoons (5036258) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (31451) **10.00** Strike It Rich (4833451) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7976190) **10.30** Concentration (14203) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (48277) **11.30** Falcon Crest (97161) **12.30pm** E Street (42567) **1.00** Another World (6034155) **1.45** Santa Barbara (136684) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (829987) **3.15** Different Strokes (164277) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4787258) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4155) **6.00** Games World (1987) **6.30** E Street (5567) **7.00** Rescue (5884) **7.30** Family Ties (4451) **8.00** I'll Take Manhattan: Final part of the mini series (68529) **10.00** Seinfeld (92074) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (18074) **11.30** Studs (98451) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (29838) **6.30** News and Business Report (829345) **9.30** Roving Report (58695) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (82451) **11.30** Business Report (95703) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (93567) **1.30** Good Morning America (88688) **2.30** Parliament (8718529) **3.15** Parliament (2337906) **4.30** News and Business Report (1364) **5.00** Live at Five (85285) **6.30** News and Business Report (95088) **7.30** Special Report (20393) **10.30** Special Report (14616) **11.30** ABC News (84957) **12.30am** Gateway (93001) **1.30** ABC News (15204) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (47952) **3.30** ABC News (28469) **4.30** Special Report (44204) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (24468)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6708836)
10.00 Consagher (1991): Western starring Sam Elliot and Katharine Ross (40155)
12.00 Skulduggery (1970): Burt Reynolds defends a tribe of pygmies (32141)
2.00pm Pieces of Dreams (1991): A social worker and a priest fall in love (61616)
4.00 Portrait in Black (1960): Lana Turner plots to murder her husband (2987)
6.00 Consagher (as 10am) (74180)
8.00 Over Her Dead Body (1990): Elizabeth Perkins discovers that she is sleeping with her sister's husband (39156181)
9.40 UK Top Ten (211242)
10.00 Impulse (1990): Detective Theresa Russell is accused of murder (123797)
11.50 Hellbound: Hellraiser 2 (1988): Ashley Laurence combats evil (850364)
1.25am Dillinger (1991): Mark Harmon plays the thirties gangster (690759)
3.00 Scanners 2: The New Order (1990): Psychics terrorise America (196339)
4.40 Return to the Blue Lagoon (1991): Brian Krause and Milla Jovovich as the beautiful castaways (2383049). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Deathtrap (1982): Michael Caine plots to steal Christopher Reeve's script (49432)
8.00 Summer of '42 (1971): A teenage boy falls in love with a widow (51277)
10.00 THX 1138 (1970): Robert Duvall as a futuristic rebel (79900). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Sinbad of the Seven Seas (1989). Lou Ferrigno stars as the swashbuckling hero (69600)
8.00 Peter and Pompey: Australian family drama (24727616)
9.45 Dot and the Koala (8118258); **11.00 Dot and the Kangaroo** Animated and live action children's dramas (911356)
12.30pm Adam Had Four Sons (1941, b/w): Governess Ingrid Bergman raises four boys after their mother dies (92816)
2.00 It Should Happen To You (1953): Self-publicist Judy Holliday becomes an overnight celebrity (69256)
4.00 Peter and Pompey (as 9am) (71157548) **5.45 Xposure** (783451)
6.15 King of the Hill (1990): Baseball drama starring William Russ (21788258)
8.00 Regarding Henry (1991): Harrison Ford rebuilds his life after he is shot (84567)
10.00 Navy Seals (1990): Charlie Sheen and Michael Biehn head an elite commando force (10581908)
12.05am The Checkered Flag. Two racing drivers fall out over a woman (136952)
1.40 I'm Dancing as Fast as I Can (1982): True drama starring Jill Clayburgh as a drug-addicted television producer (788985)
3.30 Windprints (1989): John Hurt plays a news cameraman in Namibia during the 1982 uprising (579391) Ends at **5.10**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (32277) **7.00** The Big League (57451) **9.00** Morning Stretch (78083) **9.30** Football: Aston Villa v Manchester City (48616) **11.30** Morning Stretch (72258) **12.00** ATP Tennis (3224819) **6.00pm** Soccer News (241722) **6.03** Windsurfing (6267) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (1529) **7.00** Football: Ipswich Town v Norwich City (215083) **10.00** Soccer News (186722) **10.03** Boots 'n' All (12364) **11.00** Red Line (54987) **12.00** Fishing (67198) **12.30-2.00am** Football (as 7pm) (59440)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (79242) **8.00** Golf: Roma Masters (36703) **9.00** Rotterdam Marathon (41074) **10.00** Ice Hockey (10567) **12.00** Motorsport (17426) **1.00pm** ATP Tennis: Salem Open, Hong Kong (4902442) **4.00** Motorcycling: Japanese Grand Prix (80277) **5.00** Indy Car Grand Prix (8513) **6.00** Eurotun (5345) **8.30** News (3797) **7.00** Ice Hockey: Finland v France (916825) **9.30** Ice Hockey: Czech Republic v USA (18155) **10.00** Eurogoals (82172) **11.00** Golf Magazine (76155) **12.00-12.30am** News (85694)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12570616) **6.15** Button Moon (12495971) **6.30** The Raccoons (6017722) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth (3769722) **7.30** Neighbours (3755529) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1194258) **8.30** East-Enders (1193529) **9.00** The Bill (1117109) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (5967432) **10.30** The Chinese Detective (6651074) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1688258) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1197345) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8526180) **1.00** EastEnders (3788069) **1.30** The Bill (8625451) **2.00** George and Mildred (7250548) **2.30** After Henry (80953998) **3.00** Dallas (1682764) **4.00** Dynasty (1691109) **5.00** Candid Camera (7161609) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8734546) **6.00** Neighbours (7645257) **6.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (3519161) **7.30** George and Mildred (1045613) **8.00** EastEnders (7167884) **8.30** Allas Henry (7256819) **9.00** The Chinese Detective (9582838) **10.00** The Bill (1198074) **10.30** KYTV (11077221) **11.00** Kenny Everett Television Show (1602836) **11.30** Dr Who: The Sea Devils (6004258) **12.00** Film: Angel and the Bad Man (1947, b/w) starring John Wayne (4848662) **1.00-2.00am** Video Bites (3265391)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Stones Without Words (20398) **6.30** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (27285203) **8.45** Jack in the Box (657277) **10.45** Stories Without Words (416787) **11.15** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (85297222) **12.30pm** Master-piece (30345) **1.00** Jack in the Box (4895364) **4.30** CDO (42033) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (67971) **6.00-7.00** Fame (48364)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: The Art Market and the Avant-garde
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 8 in C, K246); Rubbra (Festival Overture); Haydn (Symphony No 55 in E flat, Schoolmaster)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Ottorino Respighi. Nebbie (Elsa Respighi, soprano, the composer, piano); Symphonic Variations (Czecho-Slovak RSO under Adriano); Nevicata; Stornellatrice; Bella porta di Rubini (Elsa Respighi, the composer); Chaconne, after Vitali (ECO under Marcello Viotti, with Ingolf Turban, violin); Burlesca (Czecho-Slovak RSO); Aretusa (City of London Sinfonia under Hickox, with Janet Baker, mezzo)
10.00 Mavericks: Koechlin (La méditation de Purun-Baghat); Berlioz (D'amour l'ardente flamme, La Damnation de Faust); Hawargal Brian (Symphony No 17); Ailvan (Funeral march for a parrot); Zelenka (Hipocondrie); Nancarrow (Study for Player Piano No 6); Ives (The Unanswered Question); Petterson, orch Dorah (Barefoot Songs); Rued Langgaard (Insektarium); Gesualdo (Ardita zanzaretta, Madrigals, Bk VI); John Foulds (Three Mantras)
12.00 Vintage Years: London, 1933. Robert Philip samples the concert scene 60 years ago
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square. Thomas Allen, baritone. Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Schubert (Die Schöne Müllerin)
2.15 Third Opinion (r)
3.00 Flute and Piano: Ashildur Haraldsdottir and Timothy Carey play Devienne (Sonata No 6 in A, Op 68); Fauré (Fantaisie, Op 79); Dutilleux (Sonatine)
3.30 BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth, with Elizabeth Connell, soprano, Martyn Hill, tenor, performs Novak (Serenade, Op 36); Gerard Schurmann (Nine Slovak Folk Songs)
4.20 Messiaen: Gillian Weir introduces recordings of the composer playing his early organ works at the church of Sainte-Trinité, Paris
5.00 In Tune: Rodney Stafford with music, news and interviews
7.30 BBC Scottish SO under Tamas Vasary performs Brahms (Symphony No 3 in F); Barber (Violin Concerto: Ernst Kovacic); Kodály (Variations on a Hungarian Folksong, The Peacock)
9.00 Tanya Moiseiwitsch: See Choice
9.15 Hilliard Ensemble, with Christopher Bowers-Broadbent, organ, plays Arvo Pärt (Cantate Domino, Psalm 98); John Tavener (A Village Wedding); John Metcalf (Two Medieval Carols); John Casken (Sharp Thorne); Arvo Pärt (Trivium; Berlin Mass)
10.30 Benno Moiseiwitsch, piano, plays Chopin (Polonaise in B flat, Op 71 No 2; Barcarolle in F sharp minor, Op 60)
10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Early Music Network: Hiro Kurosaki, violin, and Linde Nicholson, fortepiano, play J. Schobert (Sonata in D minor, Op 14 No 4); F. Benda (Sonata in A); Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 47, Kreutzer)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with Dr Pauline Webb **8.35** The Week on 4
8.43 Echoes in the Chamber: Peter Hill, the BBC's former parliamentary correspondent, looks back over 15 years of broadcasting from Westminster **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests
10.00-10.30 The Year in Question (**FM** only): Brian Hayes chairs the archive news quiz. Channel 4 v Sky
10.00 News; Daily Service (**LW** only) from Holy Trinity Church, Bath
10.15 Something Understood (**LW** only): An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. Norman Rodway and David Rintoul read poetry on the theme of nature
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jill Burridge investigates the increase in cancer among teenagers and talks to patients and their families; and the Scottish singer Carol Laula is the studio guest. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin hosts the second semi-final of the musical quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Death Drop, by B.M. Gill. David is found dead while on a school outing. Although the headmaster claims it was a terrible accident, David's father is convinced that it was murder. With Kenneth Cranham as Fleming and Peter Penry Jones as Brannigan (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to David Freeman, the founder and artistic director of Opera Factory, about his life and work **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Opera North's production of *La Bohème* at Leeds; and Natalie Whsen talks to the writer Sara Maitland
4.45 Short Story: The Struggle for Empire, by William Palmer. Read by Caroline John
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Woman at Point Zero. See Choice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: A Straightforward Tale, by Leonardo Sciascia. Stephen MacDonald reads the first of a five-part story about a murder investigation at a remote Sicilian farmhouse
11.00 You Heard It Here First: After Henry. Starring Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson and Benjamin Whitrow (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

Woman at Point Zero. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Nawal El Saadawi's novel, adapted by Rukshana Ahmed, is self-evidently a real-life human document. It leaves you convinced that, even if there has been some colouring of the truth, it must be vestigial. Nawal got her material when, as a psychiatrist in Cairo, she met a woman in solitary confinement, awaiting execution for murder. Nawal herself suffered imprisonment for her human rights campaigning, particularly on behalf of Arab women. Valerie Sarruf plays Nawal and Souad Faress the condemned woman.

Tanya Moiseiwitsch. *Radio 3, 9.00pm.*

First, the famous daughter. Then, the famous father. Tanya has been one of our leading theatre designers for close on 60 years, working with celebrated figures such as Tyrone Guthrie and in historic theatres such as the Old Vic, the Stratford Memorial and the Abbey, Dublin. Then (at 10.30pm), it is father's turn. Benno Moiseiwitsch, playing Chopin on records. In the first of three interviews, Tanya tells John Drummond about her training days, her first assignments, and, of course, about life with father.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session: Gigolo Aunts and Molly Halfhead **8.30** The Big Holy One with Simon Mayo **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes Into the Night **12.

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'Greedy' bosses under fire after pay survey

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE head of Britain's biggest managers' grouping has criticised Britain's "greedy" bosses after a survey showed that their pay increases last year averaged 4.5 per cent while many shopfloor workers went without rises.

Roger Young, director-general of the Institute of Management, said: "Across the country, employees are being asked to accept pay freezes and cuts — greedy managers and directors should be prepared to swallow the same medicine.

His comments accompanied findings from the institute's annual survey of bosses' pay, Britain's biggest. It found that although executive pay awards fell, they continued to outstrip inflation.

Company directors took the biggest pay rises, averaging 5.5 per cent with increases of up to 8.6 per cent for those in the largest firms. However, managers, although averaging rises of 4.5 per cent, saw their differentials eroded by typical increases of 5.4 per cent for non-manual workers. Mr Young said: "If we are to keep inflation down, pay rises must be kept to a minimum."

Figures released today by Incomes Data Services (IDS), the independent researcher, show that general pay settlements are continuing to fall in the private sector. According to IDS, three-quarters of settlements this year have been between 2and 4.9 per cent, and fewer awards over 4 per cent are being made. But expectations of a rise in inflation, towards 4 or 5 per cent in the second half of the year, suggest settlements may have reached their trough, it said.

The Institute of Management survey, covering 25,180 managers at 392 companies, suggests that for bosses, at least, the pattern of pay rises varies considerably around the country. Britain's average manager, the institute found, is a male aged 44 driving a GL-grade company car who is paid £29,838 and receives 27 days holiday a year.

However, women continued to gain ground, for the 20th successive annual survey. Women managers have risen from 8.6 per cent of the total to 10.2 per cent since the 1992 survey, and although they continue to earn less than their male counterparts, this reflects the fact that, on average, they are seven years younger.

The institute found managers in inner London remained the best paid, averaging £37,457, but Scottish bosses now matched their peers in the rest of the South East, averaging £30,722. Managers in the North were the lowest paid, averaging £24,842.

Bank presents flotation plans

Francisco Luzon, the chairman of Argentaria, one of Spain's largest banking groups, arrives in the City today to promote its £2.8 billion privatisation (Neil Bennett writes). British brokers and fund managers are expected to buy 3.5 million shares worth up to £78 million.

The Spanish government is selling up to 24.9 per cent of Argentaria in a series of offers at home and overseas. The shares will be priced at the end of the week.

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Mayflower comes to the rescue of IAD design group

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's most innovative companies has been rescued from receivership, securing the jobs of its 1,000 employees worldwide and ensuring the country's continued place at the forefront of motor vehicle design.

Just a week after the appointment of receivers, IAD (UK), the design group of Worthing, Sussex, that helped to create the Mazda MX-5 sports car, the Ford Scorpio estate and the Volvo 440 has been bought by Mayflower Corporation for an undisclosed sum.

Mayflower, a fast-expanding automotive components group, owns Motor Panels (Coventry), a pressings specialist which supplies Land-Rover, Leyland DAF and Aston Martin. On March 30, Mayflower launched a £34.6 million one-for-one rights issue to fund investment in production of a new MG sports car body for Rover Group and enable the group to take advantage of "further opportunities".

The sale was completed at 4.15am on Saturday by Maurice Withall, the receiver appointed by IAD's bankers from Grant Thornton, the accountants. Mr Withall said that the speedy resolution of IAD's future had been made easier because the company had held discussions with Mayflower and other potential buyers before receivers were appointed. However, "there will not be anything for creditors in this matter," Mr Withall said.

The failure of IAD was partly triggered by the collapse in February of Leyland DAF, the British end of DAF, the Anglo-Dutch lorry and van group. IAD was owed £500,000 by Leyland DAF, but also faced the loss of a significant volume of work, Mr Withall said.

The rescue of the main Leyland DAF manufacturing businesses, which should be completed by the end of the month, will heal a wound that has caused widespread damage within the motor industry supply chain.

Motor Panels lost £1.8 million in the Leyland DAF collapse, although the company hopes to recover £700,000 of the money.

John Shute, who formed IAD in 1976, and whose family controlled 77.5 per cent of the shares, is expected to retain a central role in the business under Mayflower management, Mr Withall said. IAD was expected to make a loss of more than £2 million in the year ending this month on sales of about £52 million.

Since IAD was established, it has won three Queen's Awards for export achievement in recognition of the revenues earned from design and prototype development work for many of the world's leading car makers.

The future of subsidiaries in France, Germany, America, Korea, Japan and Russia should be secured by the sale to Mayflower.

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Lamont 'kept informed' of EBRD costs

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

■ The government was represented at monthly meetings to oversee the progress of work on the headquarters of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

JACQUES Attali, the beleaguered president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, said yesterday that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and the British government had been kept fully informed of how money was being spent on the bank's City headquarters.

M Attali also made clear that he had no intention of stepping down and saw no reason to apologise for the £55.5 million spent on the bank's offices at Broadgate.

Yesterday, the Treasury confirmed his statement in broad terms. The government, a spokesman said, was represented at all decision-making stages of the project. Mr Lamont is a governor of the bank, which makes him a party to final approval of its budget. The Treasury and the Overseas Development Agency are represented on the board of directors. The agency also had a representative on the "project monitoring committee" that met monthly to oversee progress on the bank's premises.

Baroness Chalker was the minister responsible for the agency but Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, had cabinet responsibility, the spokesman added.

M Attali was giving his first interview since the media began criticising the EBRD for spending more on its building, pay and overheads than it has disbursed to the economies of the former Soviet bloc. Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister and chairman of the EBRD governors, last week told M Attali that heads would have to roll if allegations of unjustified spending were substantiated. He will discuss the matter with M Attali in Bonn tomorrow.

Mr Lamont has expressed concern about EBRD spending. The bank has spent more than £200 million on its headquarters, pay and other overheads since it was set up two years ago. The Chancellor is expected to press for tighter budgetary control at the EBRD annual meeting, which starts on Friday.

M Attali, appearing on BBC Television's *Frost for Breakfast* show, said he did not consider himself a victim of a media witchhunt. "If things are not clear, it's our own fault," he said. "It is up to us to give the right answers." He said the bank had achieved much. It had invested £1.6 billion of its own funds and mobilised a further £6.3 billion of investment in the former Soviet bloc from other sources. "This is much more than other international institutions have done in their first two years," he said.

Asked if he was going to resign, he said: "It is not a question. I am elected for four years." He has two more years on that contract.

Pressed about the decision to replace existing marble at the bank with Carrara marble, at a cost of £750,000, M Attali said it was not for him to decide details. His role was to establish a budget to set up the headquarters, using the £40 million that Baroness Thatcher and John Major had agreed. The remaining £15.5 million towards the building came from other contributors.

A Treasury spokesman said the £40 million was considered by the government as "reasonable" for the host country's contribution to the bank. There was no dispute about the headquarters project not being within budget.

M Attali said money designated for the headquarters could not be invested in Eastern Europe. He pointed out that decisions on the bank's budgetary procedures were taken jointly by the bank and the British government, and that there had been monthly meetings between the EBRD and British authorities over the past two years. The Overseas Development Agency is the government department immediately responsible for the EBRD.

Mr Lamont plans to meet M Attali this week to discuss the scope for greater economies at the bank. The Commons public accounts committee is also considering looking into the bank's spending.

Anders Ljungh, the EBRD's Swedish vice-president for finance, told *The Times* that the bank expected to disburse between 500 million ecus (£397 million) and 800 million ecus this year as more of the 88 investment projects approved came on stream. The biggest recipients would be in Central Europe, with Poland leading the field. It was planned to approve between 2 billion and 2.6 billion ecus this year, and double that amount each year to the end of the decade. The EBRD would probably need to discuss an increase in its 10 billion ecus of capital within two years, Mr Ljungh said.



Fully informed: Jacques Attali, of the EBRD

TIM BROOKS



European hopes: Bo Goranson, the chairman, at the launch of *Intrum Justitia* at Southampton

Intrum puts £3m before the mast

BY CARL MORTISHED

YACHTS and debt collectors rarely go together — except when the latter are repossessing the former — but the good ship *Intrum Justitia* is an exception.

Intrum Justitia, its owner and the UK's biggest consumer debt collector, is looking for a fair wind to back the W60, built at Lymington, Hampshire, in the Whitbread Round the World Race. She was launched by Bo Goranson, Intrum Justitia's chief executive, at Southampton.

Intrum's European crew will by flying an EC flag, reflecting the group's presence in 14 European countries and a marketing programme which aims to make its name known across the Continent.

A keen eye for the pennies does not mean the company is averse to shelling out the pounds for sponsorship.

Supporting the *Intrum Justitia* is costing the company £3 million. The recession has been good for the debt collection group whose pre-tax profits rose 26 per cent to £16 million last year, handling 3 million collections for 45,000 clients, mainly banks, building societies, hire purchase companies and the BBC.

US to press MacGregor over Heathrow slots

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AND PHILIP ROBINSON

FEDERICO Peña, US transportation secretary, flies to London today for his first meeting with John MacGregor, transport secretary, carrying a long list of demands for achieving what US airlines regard as fair competition across the Atlantic — and almost no hope of achieving any of them.

Mr Peña is determined to rewrite the 15-year-old Bermuda Two agreement governing air services between the UK and America which US airlines, and the government officials they have lobbied, regard as unfair and restrictive.

Bermuda Two limits the number of carriers between JFK in New York and Heathrow to two from each country. American and United Airlines which bought the franchises from TWA and Pan Am, operate from the US. British Airways and Virgin Atlantic Airways fly from Britain.

American political sources say they are hopeful of a joint statement announcing talks will start in May with a target for a new agreement within a year. But analysts doubt that the talks will achieve much more than political rhetoric. Jon Ash, managing director of Global Aviation Associates, a Washington consultant, said: "I don't think there's any economic incentive to the British to give up anything at the moment. I don't think anything will happen for between six and 18 months."

The talks will need to appear to make progress. When Mr Peña approved British Airways' $300 million purchase of 19.5 per cent of USAir, he made it clear he expected a more liberal attitude on access for US carriers by the UK aviation authorities. Mr Peña, 43, has described the existing deal between Britain and America as "lousy" and is anxious to press home the US airlines' view that British Airways was given "something for nothing" when it was allowed to invest $300 million for 24.6 per cent of USAir. Now he wants the British to be equally accommodating if that deal is not officially to be revoked within the next 12 months.

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According to Mr Peña and his airline backers, Heathrow has got to be opened up to completely free competition. They want the British government at least to give the go-ahead for US airlines to fly into their favourite airport and then to work out how to find take off and landing slots.

The crunch they believe, will come in the next few weeks when the British government makes known its attitude towards plans by United Airlines to fly between Heathrow and Chicago from June. Without agreement now, the US believes, there is little point in continuing with the talks.

America's three largest airlines worked hard last week to frame the agenda for the talks. On Thursday, Delta Airlines said it wanted permission to run an agreement-busting service between JFK and Heathrow. United Airlines wants approval to pay $14.5 million for USAir's Philadelphia-Heathrow route and then operate it from Chicago, estimated to be worth $200 million a year. Northwest wants to buy the Baltimore-Gatwick route from USAir for $5 million and convert it to a Detroit-London service. Both changes need UK approval.

Mr MacGregor is likely to say Heathrow is full and US airlines would be better off going to Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow or Stansted. He will tell the Americans to allow more foreign investment in their airlines. Foreigners own 30 per cent of BA and this could rise to 49 per cent.

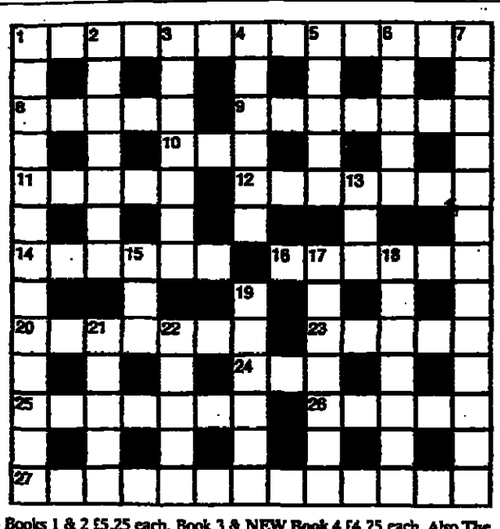
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25 Spread thick paint (7)
26 Swahili "sir" (5)
27 Well-informed (13)

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4 Wall niche (6)
5 Slow pronunciation (5)
6 Balearic island (5)
7 Discoloured in antiquity (6,4,3)
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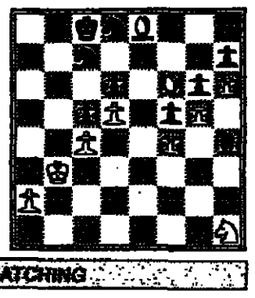
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Spassky — Fischer, Belgrade 1992. White has a promising endgame with an extra pawn, but still has to overcome the problem of how to break through the black defences. How did Spassky achieve this?

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

EMPOLDER
a. To stiffen the sinews, make braver
b. A crofter or land tenant
c. To reclaim land from sea

PIKER
a. A Swiss mercenary
b. A cautious gambler
c. Live frog bait for pike

TARBAGAN
a. An Eskimo sledge
b. A long-haired marmot
c. Kiriwinan system of shell barter

PARACONE
a. The action part of a volcano
b. A bit of a tooth
c. Part of a parachute

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Brittan faces toughest test in US trade talks

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

SIR Leon Brittan, the EC's external trade commissioner, today enters make-or-break talks in Washington that could determine whether the community and America can help secure a world trade deal this year.

The task is probably Sir Leon's most daunting in his five years at Brussels. If he fails to convince Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, that the EC is not discriminating against American companies gaining access to community markets, Washington will impose sanctions on leading European players in the US market.

A continuance of the row over protectionism in the public sector would precipitate an EC-US trade war and halt the progress of the 108 member nations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in forging a trade agreement.

Washington and Brussels also continue to watch Tokyo, with whom their trade deficits are much more worrying. The EC's deficit with America narrowed to $9 billion last year; with Japan it swelled to $30 billion. The danger for Sir Leon is that the new Clinton administration, far more bothered about the Japanese issue, will be quicker to impose sanctions on EC companies with little sense of remorse.

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